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-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware's nonseasonally adjusted unemployment rates fall lower in the third quarter to 3.9% in September.

- Average weekly wages of manufacturing production workers rose over the quarter from $382.40 in July to 410.35 in September.

- Ground breaking was held on the first phase of the Christina Gateway Project in Wilmington. A 300,000 square-foot office building will house MBank USA as the primary tenant.

- Dupont and Hercules profits continue to rise over previous years third quarter earnings, rising 25% and 94% respectively.

- University of Delaware's Center for Composite Materials received a $1 million construction grant from ICI Americas, Inc.

- Reichold Chemical officials announced plans for a new research and development center in Dover.

- Sussex County will lend Millsboro and Delmar $804,000 for sewer systems improvements.

- Montgomery Ward and Co. has agreed to purchase the Clayton Bank and Trust Company.

- Sears Roebuck & Company is hiring to fill 200 jobs in its new Discover Card operations center opening in December.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		JUL	AUG	SEP[1/]	JUL	AUG	SEP[1/]	JUL	AUG	SEP[1/]	JUL	AUG	SEP[1/]
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1986	324.7	320.5	321.0	306.0	307.4	306.4	18.8	13.2	14.5	5.8	4.1	4.5
	1985	315.8	317.0	314.8	299.4	297.6	299.5	16.5	19.4	15.3	5.2	6.1	4.9
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1986	333.7	328.5	323.1	314.5	314.8	310.4	19.2	13.8	12.6	5.7	4.2	3.9
	1985	324.6	325.0	316.7	307.7	304.7	303.4	16.8	20.3	13.3	5.2	6.2	4.2
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1986	283.5	279.3	279.2	263.8	265.3	266.3	19.7	14.0	12.9	7.0	5.0	4.6
	1985	279.8	280.4	276.4	264.9	261.4	264.5	14.9	19.0	11.9	5.3	6.8	4.3
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1986	118,072.0	118,182.0	118,220.0	109,882.0	110,155.0	109,891.0	8,190.0	8,027.0	8,329.0	6.9	6.8	7.0
	1985	117,536.0	115,343.0	115,790.0	108,854.0	107,210.0	107,519.0	8,682.0	8,133.0	8,271.0	7.4	7.1	7.1
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ. [2/]	1986	3,919.0	3,927.0	3,936.0	3,705.0	3,744.0	3,750.0	214.0	183.0	186.0	5.5	4.7	4.7
	1985	3,965.5	3,838.0	3,872.0	3,728.1	3,666.0	3,671.0	234.4	172.0	201.0	6.0	4.5	5.2
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1986	8,388.0	8,366.0	8,449.0	7,866.0	7,867.0	7,937.0	522.0	499.0	512.0	6.2	6.0	6.1
	1985	8,455.7	8,332.0	8,401.0	7,941.0	7,818.0	7,783.0	514.7	514.0	618.0	6.1	6.2	7.4
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1986	5,585.0	5,652.0	5,633.0	5,214.0	5,277.0	5,242.0	371.0	375.0	391.0	6.6	6.6	6.9
	1985	5,705.7	5,516.0	5,549.0	5,257.9	5,093.0	5,124.0	447.8	423.0	425.0	7.8	7.7	7.7
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1986	2,392.6	2,384.0	2,360.2	2,292.2	2,288.4	2,262.0	100.5	95.6	98.1	4.2	4.0	4.2
	1985	2,286.7	2,275.0	2,258.0	2,185.1	2,178.4	2,165.8	101.6	96.6	92.2	4.4	4.2	4.1

[1/] PRELIMINARY [2/] U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (Table-1)

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the first nine months of this year averaged 5.0%, compared with 5.6% for the same period last year. The nonseasonally adjusted unemployment rates showed the same movement as year-ago figures; registering 5.7 percent in July, declining to 4.2 percent in August, and decreasing further to 3.9 percent in September. The Delaware civilan labor force averaged 323,700 during the third quarter, representing a slight decrease from the second-quarter average of 324,000.

Nationally, third-quarter average unemployment rates declined slightly over the year to stand at 6.9 percent in July, 6.8 percent in August and 7.0 percent in September.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2 & 2A)

Total State nonagricultural wage and salary employment maintained the high levels reached in the second quarter averaging 300,600. The August figure of 301,900 was the highest employment figure recorded to date in 1986. Employment gains in transportation equipment, offset by seasonal reductions in retail sales, accounted for the relatively constant total employment figures. Nonmanufacturing, higher each month than the year-ago quarter, followed its previous trend, while manufacturing was lower than the comparable year-ago quarter. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Wilmington PMSA, experiencing the same quarterly movement as the State, ended the period at its highest level of the year, 260,500, with over-the-year gains registering each month of the quarter.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware, after reaching a new high in March, continued its decline in July, averaging $382.40 and then increased to $410.35 in September. More overtime worked at premium pay in the primary metals and chemicals and allied products sectors was responsible for the August and September increases.

Wilmington PMSA average weekly earnings decreased in July, then rose in both August and September, ending the quarter at $504.11. This is a reversal of last year when average weekly earnings declined over the third quarter. Overtime worked at premium pay in the primary metals and chemicals and allied product sectors accounted for the current increase.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

DELAWARE STATEWIDE - In August a U.S. Department of Agriculture official announced low-interest federal loans and feed subsidies will be available to Delaware farmers following an inspection trip in which **all three Delaware counties qualified for emergency federal aid** due to the summer drought. Under the program farmers who demonstrate a loss can borrow up to $100,000 at 5 percent or less.

In September the Commerce Department released per capita income data for 1985 which showed that the Northeastern States led the country in income gain. **Delaware's 1985 per capita income** was $14,272 up 5.3% from 1984 and 20.9% from 1982.

"INC" magazine, who called **Delaware's business climate** the second-worst in the nation in 1982, rated Delaware as having the eighth-best climate for growth in their recently released 1986 survey. "INC" used variables such as wage levels and small business programs to measure the business climate.

The **Delaware State Housing Authority** reported the first six-months of 1986 were the busiest in terms of building permits issued in 13 years. Three thousand three hundred and seventy-one homes were started in this period. Single-family starts increased by 18% while multi-family starts jumped 143 percent from 1985. Mobile-home activity also rose from 1985 levels.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Verino Pettinaro purchased the 86-acre **Hub Marine & Industrial Park** on the Christina River. Plans call for development of a $60 million office park and research park on the site. . . . . **Philips and DuPont Optical Co.**, a joint venture between the DuPont Company and N. V. Philips of the Netherlands

signed a five-year lease on 13,000 square-feet at Foulkstone Plaza on Foulk Road. The Philips and DuPont Optical Company plans to open a national marketing and technical center for development of optical discs for information storage and retrieval. About 30 people are expected to work at the Foulk Road location. . . . .Vari/DiSabatino General Partners announced purchase of 5.48 acres of property adjacent to **Cranston Court Apartments.** Plans call for $2 million in renovations to the existing 96 units and four additional two story garden apartments on the adjoining property. . . . . School Officials announced in August that the **Widner University School of Hotel and Restaurant Management** will move to the University's main campus in Chester in the fall of 1988. Overcrowding at the Delaware campus prompted the change. The University-owned Sheraton-Brandywine will remain a training facility for students.

Superior Court Judge Richard S. Gebiein ruled against condemnation of Libby's Restaurant at 227 W. 8th Street, thus leaving the joint venture of the Wilmington Parking Authority and the News Journal Company in limbo. The ruling also had a negative affect on a similar office tower and parking lot project planned by Wilmington Trust Co. In September **Wilmington Trust** announced it had abandoned plans to develop a second tower in downtown Wilmington and will instead develop a 10.1-acre site in the New Castle Corporate Commons off Basin Road. The 60,000 square-foot building will house the banks' credit card and check processing operations.

Bank of Delaware announced in August plans to layoff 43 employees. The Bank cited rising personnell costs and inability to cut costs through attrition as rationale for the layoffs. . . . . **Formosa Plastics Corp.** announced they will eliminate a portion of its 200 employees at its PVC plant near Delaware City because it is dropping part of its product line. . . . . A **new $4.97 million elementary school** in the development of Four Seasons, off Delaware 896 south near Newark was approved by the State Board of Education. The new school project was approved by voter referendum recently. . . . . **I. C. I. Americas, Inc.** has given the University of Delaware's Center for Composite Materials a $1 million grant toward the construction of a manufacturing science laboratory. The University is one of six national engineering research centers and as a result, will recieve $7.5 million in Federal aid over the next five years.

Under the auspices of the **Jewish Federation of Delaware,** plans were announced for a $2.5 million project to create a new Jewish Family Campus on 17.5 acres west of U.S. 202 adjacent to the existing Jewish Community Center. Initial plans call for an aquatic center, senior park, outdoor amphitheater, craft and nature center, children's park, sculpture garden, tennis courts, ball fields, jogging track and picnic area. . . . . Ground is being cleared for an $80 million office park directly across from Bellvue State Park on Carr Road. Seven buildings are planned for the 52-acre site. The first building, of 120,000 square-feet, should be completed in June of 1987. **The Bellevue Corporate Center** is being developed by Trammell Crow Co. and Edward B. DeSeta & Associates. . . . . A 47-acre tract off Paper Mill Road in Newark will be developed this fall into 79 single family-homes on 15,000 square-foot lots by **Ridgewood Glen Development Corp.**

The Downtown Wilmington Improvement Corporation Inc. has leased the former **Kennards' Department Store building** to ten specialty stores which are expected to open the later part of September. . . . . City officials gave the go-ahead for the **Christiana Gateway Project**. One major tenant, M-Bank USA, a credit card firm has been secured and ground breaking is scheduled for October on the first building, a 300,000 square-foot multistory office building at Second and Walnut Streets. . . . . The YWCA has agreed to buy the Jake's Market property in the 200 block of King Street for a new $2.3 million downtown center. The new center will be divided into two buildings with a total of 42,000 square-feet.

Fischer Scientific Co. of Pittsburgh, a major producer of laboratory equipment broke ground in September on an 80,000 square-foot office and warehouse building valued at $4 million in the 385-acre Pencader Corporate Center off Delaware 896.

Sears Roebuck & Co. announced in September, it's Dean Witter subsidiary will be interviewing to fill 200 jobs related to its Discover Credit Card. The jobs will be available in December when the Bank will open its new operations center in New Castle Corporate Commons.

Kent County - David Gloss plans to begin construction of a **six store shopping center in Smyrna** in the Spring. The two-acre plot on Glenwood Avenue already has commitments from a video store, a trophy store and a record and tape outlet. . . . . A proposed 45-acre single-family housing development was given site-plan approval by the Kent County Regional Planning Commission. The **48-lot development** will be located between Kent 149 and Garrisons Lake. The developers, Rodney and Ernest Fletcher have an option on 130 acres of land on the north shore of the lake.

Montgomery Ward & Co. has agreed to buy the **Clayton Bank & Trust Company.** Montgomery Ward is a division of Mobil Corp. The Clayton bank has assets of $15 million and employs 15.

ILC of Dover Inc., will hire 30 to 60 new employees to work on a $16 million Air Force contract. The subcontract calls for the plant to make "attached inflatable decellerators used on cluster bombs".

WBOC-TV of Salisbury, Maryland opened its new Dover broadcast studio and office complex in September. The 2800-square-foot building is located at 1839 S. DuPont Highway. . . . . The **Dover A&P Store** at Court Street and U.S. 13 will close in October. Cook of Dover, Inc. which operates a Thriftway at U.S. 13 and Leipsic Road has applied for a $150,000 State Industrial Revenue Bond to operate a grocery store at the A&P Court St. location. A hearing on the bond application is scheduled for mid-October. . . . . **Reichold Chemical** officials announced it has tentatively decided to keep the company's emulsion polymers division in Kent County. Richard Carlson, Division Director, further announced a new site is being sought in Kent County to combine division headquarters, now at Silver Lake, and the research and development center, now on Maple Parkway.

Sussex County - **Rehoboth Airport** was expected to close September 30 due to financial difficulties. George Garrison, a partner in Garrison Aviation Inc., who owns and operates the airport noted development pressures in the area make the land more attractive for housing construction. . . . . **Millsboro Nursing Home** has been approved a 52-bed addition from the Delaware Bureau of Health Planning. The $1.4 million project will double the capacity of the Millsboro facility. . . . .**Sussex County Council** modified three zoning moratoriums in September to facilitate commercial development in eastern Sussex County. . . . . Sussex

County will lend Millsboro $300,000 and Delmar $504,000 to build sewer systems. The money comes from a $45 million **county sewer bond issue**. The interest will be determined when the bonds are sold November 1, according to Joeseph Conaway, County Administrator. . . . . The Sussex County Council agreed in September to provide county sewage treatment to a 3.5 mile stretch of land between Bethany Beach and Indian River Inlet. Three hundred thirty-three existing septic systems will be affected by the project which will be an extension of the county's **Bethany Beach Sewer District.**

Auto Industry - General Motors is offering new incentives to induce white-collar employees to resign. About 500 salaried workers are employed at the company's Boxwood Road plant. No specific goal has been set for the Delaware plant according to GM spokesperson Patricia J. Molloy. . . . . GM Corp. will raise prices by 2.6% in 1987. The 1987 models go on sale in October. Chrysler reported tentatively of price rises less than 2 percent for its 1987 models.

Surrounding Area - Mary Little Parell, New Jersey State Banking Commissioner, announced that **New Jersey banks** and holding companies will be able to engage in interstate bank acquistions effective August 24. The acquistions are allowed under the State's Interstate Banking Act signed by Governor Kane in mid-August.

A Pennsylvania development firm, Henderson Group of Sharon Hill, is developing a 55-acre office complex on the northwest **corner of U.S. 1 and U.S. 202.** The first phase of the development, a 38.5-acre parcel calls for five "upscale" chain restaurants; the second phase will have a 70,000 square-foot retail shopping center that will include 8 movie screens, a dry cleaner, and a bank. The food pod and shopping center phases are expected to be completed in the Spring. . . . . **Marine Midland Bank, Inc. and First Pennsylvania Corp.** announced they will merge when interstate banking becomes legal in Pennsylvania in 1990. Both banks currently have operations in Delaware. . . . . Delaware County has opened a **small business incubator** in a converted 19th century mill in Upland Borough. The Crozier Mills Enterprise Center will provide centralized word processing, telephone, receptionist and copying facilities for an expected 30 to 40 small businesses.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the third quarter of 1986 were 90,231 with a benefit amount of $13,700,119 paid out.

The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during the third quarter decreased to $152 from the second quarter.

Continued claim counts registered 90,400 during the quarter. This represents a 53 percent increase over the year-ago quarter, owing to layoffs in the auto industry.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) resumed an upward trend in September increasing 0.8 percent to 325.8, following no change during August and a 0.4 percent increase in July. The September increase was attributed to more expensive food and housing, as well as increased educational expense. Nationally, the September index was 330.2, for a monthly gain of 0.5 percent and a yearly increase of only 1.8 percent.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The following list, by broad occupational category, indicates the number of job applicants available through the Division of Employmnet and Training as of September, 1986:

Occupational Group	Active Applicants	Percent of Total
Total Applicants	6,338	100.0
Professional, Tech. & Managerial	903	14.2
Clerical	1,205	19.0
Sales	348	5.5
Services	1,121	17.7
Farming, Forestry, & Fishing	116	1.8
Processing	257	4.1
Machine Trades	349	5.5
Benchwork	242	3.8
Structural Trade	982	15.6
Transportation	372	5.9
Packaging, Material Handling	403	6.4
Miscellaneous and not assigned	35	0.5

Employers with job openings are urged to utilize this labor source and contact the Division of Employment and Training at the 24-hour hotline number 1-800-231-JOBS.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLE

Delaware Total Non-Agricultural Employment for the first nine months of 1986 averaged 294,000 for a net gain of 5,400 jobs over the comparable period in 1985. The largest gains were in services (+3,800) mainly for businesses and health services; trade (+2,500) with increases in most retail industries; and finance, insurance and real estate (+2,300) with continued sharp gains in banking employment.

Government employment rose (+1,000). Construction gains (+500) were attributed to the expansion in the number of commercial and office buildings during the first six months. Manufacturing employment declined (-4,600) due to model changeover activity in the automobile industry. The following table and chart highlights the recent changes in Delaware employment (see page eleven).

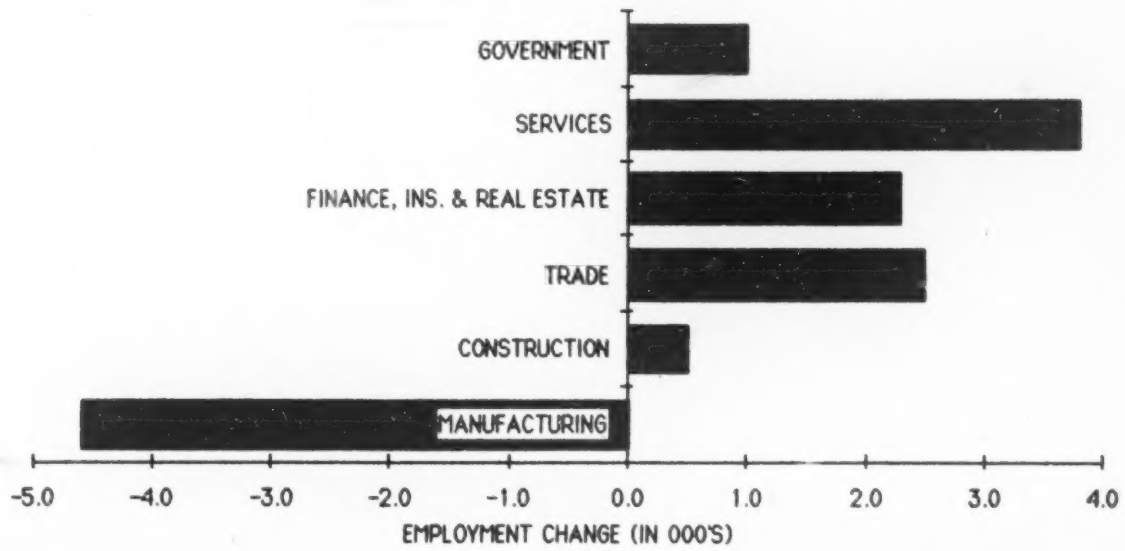
DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY SECTOR : JANUARY-SEPTEMBER, 1985 VS. 1986

(IN 000'S)

	1985	1986	1985-1986 CHANGE NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	290.8	296.2	5.4	1.9%
MANUFACTURING	72.0	67.4	-4.6	-6.4%
MINING	0.1	0.1	—	--
CONSTRUCTION	17.3	17.8	0.5	2.9%
TRANSP. COMM. & UTIL.	11.8	11.8	—	--
TRADE	64.1	66.6	2.5	3.9%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL EST.	19.2	21.5	2.3	12.0%
SERVICES	61.8	65.6	3.8	6.1%
GOVERNMENT	44.5	45.5	1.0	2.2%

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.

COMPARISON OF JOB CHANGE BY SECTOR: JAN.-SEPT., 1985 VS. 1986



NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2 DELAWARE

INDUSTRY GROUP	1986			1985		
	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	298.6	301.9	301.5	298.9	295.9	297.8
Manufacturing	63.9	67.7	67.8	72.2	69.4	72.2
Durable Goods	12.5	16.3	16.8	20.3	17.1	20.5
Primary Metals	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8
Fabricated Metals	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Machinery	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.6
Transportation Equipment	2.6	6.1	6.6	9.8	6.5	9.9
Other Durable Goods Equipment	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4
Nondurable Goods	51.4	51.4	51.0	51.9	52.3	51.7
Food & Kindred	9.6	10.0	9.7	10.0	10.4	10.0
Textile & Apparel	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6
Paper & Allied Pro.	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.9	3.0	2.9
Printing & Publishing	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5
Chemicals	31.3	31.0	30.9	31.1	30.9	30.9
Rubber & Plastics	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Other Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
NonManufacturing	234.7	234.2	233.7	226.7	226.5	225.6
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Contract Construction	19.0	18.6	18.4	18.9	19.3	19.3
General Bldg. Contr.	5.7	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.3
Heavy Const. Contr.	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.0	3.1	3.1
Special Trade Contr.	10.9	10.8	10.7	10.5	10.7	10.9
Trans.,Comm., & Public Utilities	11.6	11.4	11.9	11.4	11.2	11.7
Local & Interurban Pass.	1.0	1.0	1.6	0.8	0.8	1.1
Trucking & Warehousing	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.5
Communication	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Electric Gas & San. Service	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Other Transportation	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8
Wholesale & Retail Trade	69.1	68.9	67.9	67.3	67.4	66.8
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.2	11.1	11.2	11.2	11.3
Wholesale-Durable	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.1
Wholesale-Nondurable	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.2
Retail Trade	58.1	57.7	56.8	56.1	56.1	55.6
Bldg. Mat. & Garden Sup.	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
General Merch. Stores	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.4	8.2	8.4
Food Stores	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.5
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.8
Apparel & Accessory	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.7
Furniture & Home Furn.	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Eating & Drinking Places	19.0	18.8	17.8	18.8	18.8	18.2
Miscellaneous Retail	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.3	7.4	7.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	22.1	22.2	22.1	20.0	20.2	20.0
Banking	11.0	11.0	11.1	9.4	9.6	9.5
Finance, Exc. Banks	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.3
Insur., Carriers, Agents,Brokers	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.5
Real Estate	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8
Services	67.4	68.0	67.7	64.0	63.8	63.4
Personal Service	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.7
Business Service	17.6	18.1	18.3	16.5	16.4	16.4
Auto & Misc. Repair	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8
Amusement & Recreation	3.6	3.6	2.9	3.4	3.3	2.7
Health Services	18.1	18.2	18.2	17.1	17.2	17.0
Legal Services	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8
Educational Services	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.5
Social Services	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.8	4.8	5.0
Other Services	12.1	12.0	11.8	11.5	11.4	11.4
Government	45.4	45.0	45.5	44.8	44.7	44.3
Federal Government	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.4
State & Local Government	39.8	39.4	40.0	39.2	39.1	38.9
State Government	20.4	20.3	21.9	20.0	19.9	21.3
State Ed	6.7	6.6	8.3	6.9	6.7	8.2
State Non-Ed	13.7	13.7	13.5	13.1	13.2	13.1
Local Government	19.4	19.1	18.2	19.2	19.2	17.6
Local Ed	12.7	12.5	13.1	12.2	12.3	12.8
Local Non-Ed	6.6	6.6	5.1	7.0	6.9	4.7
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.2

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA)

INDUSTRY GROUP	1986			1985		
	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	254.2	257.1	260.5	255.7	254.3	257.8
Manufacturing	54.4	57.8	58.1	62.3	58.8	62.0
Durable Goods	11.6	15.5	16.0	19.9	16.5	19.9
Primary Metals	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.9	1.9
Fabricated Metals	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
Machinery	3.6	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.1	4.0
Transportation Equipment	2.7	6.3	6.8	10.1	6.7	10.2
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5
Nondurable Goods	42.7	42.3	42.1	42.4	42.3	42.1
Food & Kindred	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0
Textile & Apparel	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
Printing & Publishing	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9
Chemicals	33.3	32.9	32.8	32.8	32.7	32.7
Rubber & Plastics	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.6
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8
NonManufacturing	199.9	199.3	202.4	193.5	195.5	195.8
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Contract Construction	16.8	16.8	16.6	18.5	20.5	19.7
General Bldg. Contr.	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4
Heavy Const. Contr.	4.7	4.7	4.6	6.8	8.6	8.0
Special Trade Contr.	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.2	8.4	8.3
Trans., Comm., & Public Utilities	13.2	13.1	13.5	12.6	12.4	12.8
Local & Interurban Pass.	0.9	0.9	1.4	0.7	0.7	0.9
Trucking & Warehousing	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.0	3.3
Communication	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Electric Gas & San. Serv.	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5
Other Transportation	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Wholesale & Retail Trade	54.8	54.5	55.1	52.5	52.5	53.0
Wholesale Trade	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.2
Wholesale-Durable	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Wholesale-Nondurable	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8
Retail Trade	45.5	45.2	45.9	43.3	43.4	43.8
Bldg. Mat. & Garden Sup.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
General Merch. Stores	7.0	6.8	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.8
Food Stores	6.8	6.9	7.1	6.7	6.7	6.9
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.1	5.1	5.2
Apparel & Accessory	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.1
Furniture & Home Furn.	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.8
Eating & Drinking Places	14.4	14.2	14.1	13.7	13.7	13.7
Miscellaneous Retail	6.2	6.1	6.3	5.8	5.9	6.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	20.8	20.9	21.1	18.5	18.6	18.5
Banking	10.6	10.6	10.7	8.9	9.0	9.0
Finance, Exc. Banks	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.2
Insur. Carriers, Agents, Brokers	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.2
Real Estate	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.2
Services	59.2	59.4	59.6	56.4	56.4	56.1
Personal Services	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.2
Business Services	15.2	15.6	16.0	14.7	14.7	14.8
Auto & Misc. Repair	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.3
Amusement & Recreation	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.4
Health Services	16.9	16.9	16.9	15.8	16.1	15.9
Legal Services	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6
Educational	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.2
Social Services	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.7
Other Services	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.1	10.1	10.1
Government	35.0	34.4	36.3	34.9	34.8	35.5
Federal Government	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4
State & Local Government	30.6	30.1	32.0	30.4	30.3	31.1
State Government	12.4	12.3	14.0	12.4	12.1	13.6
State Ed	5.6	5.5	7.4	5.6	5.5	7.0
State Non-Ed	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.6
Local Government	18.2	17.8	18.0	18.2	18.2	17.5
Local Ed	11.3	11.1	12.4	11.1	11.3	12.4
Local Non-Ed	6.9	6.7	5.5	7.0	6.9	5.1
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.2

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE*

TABLE - 3

1986

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER 1/	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
MANUFACTURING	$ 382.40	$ 396.80	$ 410.35	40.0	40.0	41.2	$ 9.56	$ 9.92	$ 9.96
DURABLE GOODS	411.29	433.29	459.00	39.7	39.0	40.8	10.36	11.11	11.25
Primary Metals	446.52	466.93	495.99	43.1	46.6	49.5	10.36	10.02	10.02
Fabricated Metals	324.86	345.63	336.27	37.0	39.5	38.3	8.78	8.75	8.78
Machinery	442.29	436.69	434.85	38.9	39.2	39.0	11.37	11.14	11.15
Transportation Equip.	643.59	522.34	567.42	39.9	36.4	40.3	16.13	14.35	14.08
NONDURABLE GOODS	370.93	376.36	381.80	40.1	40.6	41.5	9.25	9.27	9.20
Food & Kindred	276.08	266.90	280.98	40.9	39.6	42.0	6.75	6.74	6.69
Textile & Apparel	214.83	274.55	259.01	32.6	41.1	38.6	6.59	6.68	6.71
Paper & Allied Prod.	368.45	421.64	361.13	36.3	41.5	36.7	10.15	10.16	9.84
Print, & Publishing	316.71	340.94	340.36	34.5	36.7	38.2	9.18	9.29	8.91
Chemicals	551.88	569.32	579.35	42.0	43.0	43.3	13.14	13.24	13.38
Rubber & Plastics	432.14	425.80	435.87	41.0	41.1	42.4	10.54	10.36	10.28
1985									
MANUFACTURING	$ 408.59	$ 394.56	$ 384.40	40.9	41.1	40.0	$ 9.99	$ 9.60	$ 9.61
DURABLE GOODS	474.47	449.33	417.52	42.1	40.7	39.5	11.27	11.04	10.57
Primary Metals	403.09	403.19	403.24	41.3	41.1	41.7	9.76	9.81	9.67
Fabricated Metals	327.77	324.75	312.17	36.5	37.5	36.9	8.98	8.66	8.46
Machinery	384.12	401.44	417.59	36.0	37.8	39.1	10.67	10.62	10.68
Transportation Equip.	573.20	580.02	470.79	44.4	42.0	39.2	12.91	13.81	12.01
NONDURABLE GOODS	359.60	363.49	360.05	40.0	41.4	40.5	8.99	8.78	8.89
Food & Kindred	258.96	261.25	259.31	41.5	41.6	40.9	6.24	6.28	6.34
Textile & Apparel	200.03	226.20	232.62	31.7	39.0	38.9	6.31	5.80	5.98
Paper & Allied Prod.	369.36	380.75	330.26	36.0	42.4	36.9	10.26	8.98	8.95
Print, & Publishing	309.02	316.85	311.54	33.3	36.8	34.5	9.28	8.61	9.03
Chemicals	521.88	529.92	538.05	40.9	41.4	42.2	12.76	12.80	12.75
Rubber & Plastics	433.50	436.13	429.77	42.5	42.8	42.3	10.20	10.19	10.16

Covers an average 31,100 production workers

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WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA)**

1986

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER 1/	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
MANUFACTURING	$ 464.90	$ 491.64	$ 504.11	39.6	40.8	41.8	$ 11.74	$ 12.05	$ 12.06
DURABLE GOODS	464.51	471.86	502.21	39.6	38.9	41.3	11.73	12.13	12.16
Primary Metals	446.95	467.40	496.49	43.1	46.6	49.5	10.37	10.03	10.03
Fabricated Metals	310.79	334.87	328.99	37.4	40.2	39.4	8.31	8.33	8.35
Machinery	431.20	426.69	430.39	38.5	38.2	38.6	11.20	11.17	11.15
Transportation Equip.	638.38	521.25	565.21	39.7	36.4	40.2	16.08	14.32	14.06
NONDURABLE GOODS	465.30	511.12	505.91	39.6	42.7	42.3	11.75	11.97	11.96
Food & Kindred	252.14	260.15	239.80	41.2	42.3	40.1	6.12	6.15	5.98
Textile & Apparel	215.63	284.48	279.00	29.1	38.6	37.4	7.41	7.37	7.46
Print., & Publishing	369.15	402.54	413.92	34.5	37.1	39.8	10.70	10.85	10.40
Chemicals	624.75	706.92	699.52	42.5	46.6	45.9	14.70	15.17	15.24
Rubber & Plastics	405.60	403.61	416.98	39.0	39.3	40.8	10.40	10.27	10.22
1985									
MANUFACTURING	$ 477.05	$ 469.90	$ 449.40	40.6	40.3	39.7	$ 11.75	$ 11.66	$ 11.32
DURABLE GOODS	484.51	467.63	430.88	41.2	39.9	39.1	11.76	11.72	11.02
Primary Metals	403.91	404.01	404.07	41.3	41.1	41.7	9.78	9.83	9.69
Fabricated Metals	307.07	302.19	295.19	36.6	37.4	37.7	8.39	8.08	7.83
Machinery	367.73	387.77	404.00	36.7	38.7	40.0	10.02	10.02	10.10
Transportation Equip.	563.73	570.35	465.17	43.7	41.3	38.7	12.90	13.81	12.02
NONDURABLE GOODS	465.28	474.03	477.41	39.7	40.9	40.7	11.72	11.59	11.73
Food & Kindred	201.35	200.32	204.41	32.9	31.3	33.4	6.12	6.40	6.12
Textile & Apparel	226.14	261.32	267.57	29.6	36.6	37.9	7.64	7.14	7.06
Print., & Publishing	357.27	358.43	360.31	33.8	35.7	33.3	10.57	10.04	10.82
Chemicals	619.35	626.22	633.92	43.1	43.7	43.9	14.37	14.33	14.44
Rubber & Plastics	400.08	403.65	410.23	40.7	41.4	40.9	9.83	9.75	10.03

Covers an average 20,900 production workers

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NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

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AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	JULY	AUG	SEP	JULY	AUG	SEP	JULY	AUG	SEP
STATE TOTALS 1/	43,800	31,423	15,008	6,949,134	4,830,421	1,920,564	163	157	135
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	36,613	25,385	9,769	6,129,992	4,108,540	1,291,042	171	165	140
Wilmington L.O.	32,836	21,993	7,206	5,867,407	3,707,778	972,001	176	171	141
Newark L.O.	3,777	3,392	2,563	442,585	400,762	319,041	122	122	136
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	3,210	2,643	2,242	303,209	257,961	225,961	97	102	105
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	1,540	1,229	1,219	161,585	139,925	144,781	111	120	125

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM WEEKS COMPENSATED			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	JULY	AUG	SEP	JULY	AUG	SEP	JULY	AUG	SEP
STATE TOTALS 1/	1,758	1,085	902	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	1,191	651	552	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilmington L.O.	881	355	337	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newark L.O.	310	296	215	0	0	0	0	0	0
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	234	186	173	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	190	105	72	0	0	0	0	0	0

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

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	1986			1985		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JULY	AUG	SEP	JULY	AUG	SEP
TOTAL COUNT	10,600	6,700	3,200	3,200	6,800	2,600
Number of Auto Industry	6,800	3,200	300	0	3,600	0
Total Less Auto Industry	3,800	3,500	2,900	3,200	3,200	2,600
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JULY	AUG	SEP	JULY	AUG	SEP
TOTAL COUNT	45,100	31,300	14,000	16,000	25,000	11,600
Number of Auto Industry	28,100	16,400	2,100	0	10,600	100
Total Less Auto Industry	17,000	15,000	11,900	16,000	14,400	11,500

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1986			1985		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
All Items	323.0	323.1	325.8	315.5	315.8	316.5
Food & Beverages	314.1	316.1	318.7	307.6	305.7	317.8
Housing	340.1	341.3	343.7	329.7	329.9	327.9
Apparel & Upkeep	181.9	184.6	189.4	180.7	185.7	184.3
Transportation	327.6	321.2	322.0	336.7	337.0	338.2
Medical	477.2	479.7	482.4	446.3	448.2	452.6
Entertainment	257.1	256.8	258.6	243.0	242.9	243.6
Other Goods & Services	371.4	371.8	380.8	341.7	342.1	353.6
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.2
Yearly	2.4	2.3	2.9	4.7	4.3	4.1
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	328.0	328.6	330.2	322.8	323.5	324.5
Mo. Change (%)	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3
Yr. Change (%)	1.6	1.6	1.8	3.6	3.4	3.2

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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DELAWARE and Wilmington (New Castle, De., Salem, N.J. and Cecil, Md. Counties) SMSA LABOR MARKET TRENDS

VOLUME 31 NO. 4 4TH QUARTER, 1986 JANUARY 31, 1987

-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rates fell in the fourth quarter to 3.2% in December.

- Average weekly wages of manufacturing production workers rose over the quarter from $420.04 in October to $448.58 in December.

- Bank of Delaware Center construction approached completion. The first offices in the $37 million building are scheduled to open in February.

- Hercules Inc.'s office park received a commitment from developers for a $33 million office building.

- Boeing Vertol announced plans to expand operations at Greater Wilmington Airport.

- Kent County Levy Court adopted an economic development code which creates a new economic and maritime development office.

- Doxsee Food Corp. closed Lewes clam processing plant putting 118 persons out of work.

- Thirty luxury apartments in the former Sears, Roebuck & Co. building in Dover will be ready for occupancy in December and January.

- Sussex County Council passed resolutions for industrial revenue bonds for two motels in Eastern Sussex and a packaging company in Selbyville.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

Table 1 (IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		OCT	NOV	DEC[1/]	OCT	NOV	DEC[1/]	OCT	NOV	DEC[1/]	OCT	NOV	DEC[1/]
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1986	321.0	322.9	325.2	308.7	312.2	314.7	12.3	10.7	10.5	3.8	3.3	3.2
	1985	316.5	317.7	317.3	301.3	303.2	302.2	15.1	14.5	15.1	4.8	4.6	4.8
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1986	322.6	323.2	323.9	311.8	312.8	313.8	10.8	10.4	10.1	3.4	3.2	3.1
	1985	317.7	317.8	315.8	304.4	303.8	301.3	13.3	14.0	14.6	4.2	4.4	4.6
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1986	281.3	283.3	286.5	270.1	272.6	275.6	11.2	10.7	10.8	4.0	3.8	3.8
	1985	280.2	281.0	280.7	268.2	268.9	268.3	12.0	12.1	12.4	4.3	4.3	4.4
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1986	118,414.0	118,675.0	118,586.0	110,192.0	110,432.0	110,637.0	8,222.0	8,243.0	7,949.0	6.9	6.9	6.7
	1985	116,114.0	116,149.0	116,333.0	107,813.0	107,978.0	108,149.0	8,301.0	8,171.0	8,184.0	7.1	7.0	7.0
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ. [2/]	1986	3,896.0	3,933.0	3,905.0	3,680.0	3,760.0	3,738.0	216.0	173.0	167.0	5.5	4.4	4.3
	1985	3,862.0	3,912.0	3,886.0	3,616.0	3,673.0	3,661.0	246.0	239.0	225.0	6.4	6.1	5.8
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1986	8,388.0	8,370.0	8,456.0	7,919.0	7,890.0	7,949.0	469.0	480.0	507.0	5.6	5.7	6.0
	1985	8,537.0	8,518.0	8,477.0	7,973.0	8,001.0	7,934.0	564.0	517.0	543.0	6.6	6.1	6.4
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1986	5,559.0	5,497.0	5,459.0	5,206.0	5,149.0	5,180.0	353.0	348.0	279.0	6.4	6.3	5.1
	1985	5,601.0	5,489.0	5,536.0	5,203.0	5,473.0	5,104.0	397.0	416.0	432.0	7.1	7.6	7.8
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1986	2,373.0	2,375.2	2,374.6	2,270.3	2,266.9	2,262.0	102.6	108.3	112.6	4.3	4.6	4.7
	1985	2,270.4	2,281.7	2,283.3	2,172.0	2,181.6	2,182.9	98.4	100.1	100.4	4.3	4.4	4.4

[1/] PRELIMINARY [2/] U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (Table-1)

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for 1986 averaged 4.6%, compared with 5.3% for 1985. The nonseasonally adjusted unemployment rates showed steady decline: 3.6 percent in October, 3.2 percent in November, and decreasing further to 3.1 percent in December. The Delaware labor force averaged 323,200 during the fourth quarter, representing a slight decrease from the third-quarter average of 323,700.

Nationally, fourth-quarter average unemployment rates continued their decline over the year to stand at 7.0 percent in October, 6.9 percent in November, and 6.7 percent in December.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2 & 2A)

Total State nonagricultural wage and salary employment reached new high levels, averaging 307,900 for the fourth quarter. The December figure of 310,400 was the highest employment figure recorded in 1986. Employment gains in transportation equipment, retail trade, and state and local education accounted for most of the growth in total employment figures. Nonmanufacturing employment was higher each month than the year-ago figures, while manufacturing employment was lower than the comparable year-ago quarter. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Wilmington PMSA, experiencing the same quarterly movement as the State, averaged 267,200.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware reached a new high in December of $448.58. Reopening in the transportation equipment sector, increases in the proportion of higher paid employees in paper and allied products, and additional hours worked in the printing and publishing industries accounted for much of the increases in November and December.

Wilmington PMSA average weekly earnings increased each month, ending the quarter at $535.89. This is a reversal of last year when weekly earnings dipped in December from November levels.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the State economy and have appeared in public media.

DELAWARE STATEWIDE - Diamond State Telephone Company in October worked out an agreement with the Public Services Commission to reduce monthly telephone rates by 31 to 33 cents for residential customers and 85 to 96 cents for businesses. The rate change will provide an estimated $1.5 million in savings to customers per year. . . . . Delmarva Power & Light Company will provide a $30 million refund to electricity customers before the year is out. The refund represents a windfall Delmarva Power received on a canceled nuclear power plant.

Delaware's housing boom continued in the third quarter of 1986 with housing starts up 42% from 1985 levels. Three hundred seventy-one multifamily starts led the third quarter gains, representing a 298% jump above last year's figures.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - In October the **Wilmington Transportation Center, Inc.** moved to its new building at 101 N. French Street. The bus terminal occupies part of the first floor of the Wilmington Parking Authority garage across from the Amtrak train station. . . . . The Chalfont family began a $1.9 million third phase at Superfine Lane on the Brandywine River. Construction has begun on 19 homes and the renovation of a Victorian warehouse building at Race and Market Streets for offices. . . . . M & M Builders plans to erect 18 contemporary-style homes on a nine-acre site at Valley and Church roads in Newark. . . . . Ground was broken in October for the **Christina Gateway Project,** a $200 million development along the Christina River-front in Wilmington. The Linpro Company of Berwyn, Pa. and Delle Donne & Associates of Wilmington are the developers of this 10-acre project which calls for four buildings with 1.2 million square-feet of office space.

Second National Building & Loan has filed an application for a branch at Centerville Road and Old Capitol Trail. The Maryland Thrift is currently negotiating to buy the former Mellon Bank Branch Office which was closed about a year ago. . . . . The **Visiting Nurses Association** broke ground in October on a new

headquarters building in the New Castle Corporate Commons office park off Basin Road. The two-story 50,000-square-foot building will cost $3.6 million. . . . . Construction on Bellevue Holding Company's 18-story Bank of Delaware Center at 10th and Tatnall Streets is moving rapidly. The $37 million project will have a retail banking office on the ground floor followed by six floors of parking and eleven floors of office space. Bank of Delaware expects to use five floors for their operations. The first office floor will be ready for occupancy in late February, and building completion is estimated for June.

Ventresca Brothers Inc. is building twelve attached townhouses off Washington Street at 34th in Wilmington. The 1280-square-foot homes are priced from $76,900 to $79,900. . . . . A development of fifty semi-detached and two detached homes, **Evergreen**, is under construction by Baldo Development Co. on 17 acres northwest of the Fairfield Shopping Center in Newark. Homes run from $135,900 to $147,800.

Two new **car dealerships** are being built on DuPont Highway one mile south of the Greater Wilmington Airport. Fine Accura and Fine Hyundai will sell the Japanese and Korean exports from two 20,000-square-foot two-story buildings. Bellevue Holding Company of Wilmington is the developer of the complex. . . . . The **Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center** will move within a year into a new $6 million complex at 107 S. Market Street. The new complex will feature a retail thrift shop, a work-therapy building and a two-story combination cafeteria and 82-bed dormitory. A new feature will be a 13-bed women's unit. . . . . **Jamesway Corp.** of Seacaucus N.J. announced the opening of its fourth store in Delaware in October. The 98th store in its chain cost $7 million and is located in the Canby Park Shopping Center on Maryland Ave.

Norel Corp., which makes industrial packaging, will be the first tenant for Rouse & Associates 75-acre office park in New Castle. A 43,000-square-foot warehouse and manufacturing space will be occupied in the Summer of 1987. Norel expects to hire 30 people at this new location. . . . . Commonwealth/McConnell Associates and Linnpro Co. have agreed to build the first buildings in **Hercules Inc.'s** 157-acre suburban office park at Lancaster Pike and Centerville Road. The speculative office buildings will cost about $33 million and should be completed by the fall of 1987.

During the past year, Hercules Credit Inc. has put in roads, water and sewer at a cost of $2.3 million. . . . . **MCorp** of Dallas has agreed to sell MBank, USA, its Delaware credit-card subsidiary, to Lomas & Nettleton Financial Corp of Dallas for $300 million. Jess Hay, a spokesman for Lomas & Nettleton, said the company plans no changes for MBank's operations or personnel.

Boeing Vertol Co. plans to expand its flight operations at the Greater Wilmington Airport. Boeing plans to spend $3 to $4 million in converting the former Atlantic Aviation hanger into a test center. The company plans to hire 200-300 new employees before its "tiltrotor aircraft", the V-22 Osprey, begins test flight in 1988.

The $9.5 million Medical Arts pavilion which connects 39 doctors suites to the **Medical Center of Delaware** is now open. . . . . The **Commonwealth Group** has purchased 16.4 acres from Lukens Development Corporation. A 120,000-square-foot warehouse and distribution center valued at $4 million is planned for the parcel, which is located just south of the Delaware Memorial Bridge and east of Collins Park. . . . . **Greggo & Ferrara, Inc.** has purchased 1,300 acres near South Saint Georges as an investment for $2.1 million. . . . . **Phoenix Steel Corp.** says it will close its Claymont mill in February. Attempts are underway to sell the company as a going concern. An additional 381 layoffs are expected.

KENT COUNTY - A new one-million-gallon **water tower** is scheduled to be completed in December for Dover in Dover Park off White Oak Road. An additional one-million-gallon tower is being constructed at the intersection of Walker and Dover-Kenton Roads and is scheduled for completion in the summer of 1987. . . . . A $700,000 renovation project for **Legislative Hall** in Dover was expected to be completed in December. Work was being done while the General Assembly was in recess. . . . . A $13.5 million contract to lengthen the runways at **Dover Airforce Base** was awarded in October to D. Kemenash & Associates of Milmay N. J. The contract allows 600 days for completion. . . . .Also in October **I. Goldberg** opened the seventh store of their retail clothing outlet chain on U.S. 13 in Dover. . . . . Thirty luxury apartments in the **former Sears, Roebuck & Co.** building on Loockerman St. in Dover will be ready for occupancy in December and January.

William Linden, Human Resources Director for **Playtex Inc.** in

Dover announced in October that 60 management and administrative employees were laid off and another 60 layoffs are expected soon. The layoffs had been expected due to restructuring as part of the sale of the company by BCI Holdings Inc. to a group of company managers and other investors. . . . . Construction of Milford Professional Plaza on U.S. 113 is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 1987. The center will house Halpern Eye Associates, Faw Casson and Co., ENT Associates, and a retail and commercial lending branch of the Bank of Delaware.

Kent County Levy Court adopted a new **economic development code** in October which will allow the county to set up an economic and maritime development office with the power to provide revenue bond financing to industries looking to expand or enter Kent County. In a related effort, Kent County Levy Court has asked the City of Dover to annex 115 acres north of Dover Airforce Base on Horsepond Road to be developed as an industrial park. Once annexation is approved by the city, road and utility construction can begin using a $300,000 grant from the State.

SUSSEX COUNTY - Erosion control funds were made available by Congress in October to replace sand lost on the beach on the north side of **Indian River Inlet.** The $575,000 in funds is the second appropriation to the project expected to cost $1.6 million altogether. The Army Corps of Engineers is in the final stage of design of a sand bypass system which would pump sand from the surf on the south side of the inlet across the inlet bridge to the north side. . . . . Borden Inc.'s **Doxsee Food Corp.** clam processing plant in Lewes stopped production in October, putting 118 persons out of work.

Sussex County Council passed a resolution that will allow a $2.5 million industrial revenue bond for Delaware Bay Associates to build a **motel/retail shopping** structure in Lewes at Delaware 18 and Anglers Road. In November a $1.5 million industrial revenue bond for a 24-suite **motel** in Dewey Beach was also approved by Sussex County Council. Also in November the Council approved "**The Glade**," a 259-lot development of single-family homes near Cape Henlopen State Park. . . . . **First State Packaging**, a company that manufactures cardboard boxes, has received a $1 million industrial revenue bond to locate a facility on U.S. 113 in Selbyville. This operation will employ 50 persons.

Safeway Stores Inc. announced it will close stores in Georgetown, Rehoboth, and Salisbury, Md. in February, affecting about 100 employees. Thomas Russow, President of Local 27 of the United Food & Commercial Workers Union, noted the company had threatened to close all ten Safeway Stores on the Delmarva Peninsula unless union members agreed to "substantial" salary and benefit cuts.

Auto Industry - **Chrysler Corp.** announced it will adopt a new pay system beginning in January which eliminates cost-of-living adjustments and scheduled pay increases for 14,000 non-union, white-collar workers. The new "pay for performance" system will affect 325 salaried employees at the Newark Assembly Plant. Salary increases will be based on productivity evaluations under the new system. . . . . In November **General Motors** announced it was phasing out 11 plants. The Boxwood Road Assembly Plant is not among those scheduled to close. . . . . Domestic and foreign automakers set a sales record in 1986, selling 3.7 percent more vehicles than in 1985. However sales by General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler were down 0.6 percent for 1986.

Chemical Industry - DuPont's restructuring of business objectives was highlighted throughout this quarter. The company purchased the option to buy **ETD Technology, Inc.** of Shoreview Minn., a manufacturer of specialty chemicals and process control instruments used in electroplating circuit boards. . . . . In related news **DuPont Tau Laboratories** announced plans to build a plant to make printed circuits in Austin, Texas. The 30,000-square-foot facility will employ 60 at the opening next summer. . . . . In November the DuPont Co. announced it will be working with **Bell & Howell, Columbia Pictures, and Paramount Studios** to develop a new high-speed process for duplication of videocassettes. The process uses chromium dioxide tape which was invented by DuPont. If the process tests successfully, DuPont will consider a joint venture with Bell & Howell, Columbia Pictures, and Paramount Studios. . . . . In December the DuPont Co. agreed to sell its **Zerex Antifreeze** business to BASF. Terms were not disclosed. Also in December the company sold its worldwide business for Reemay spunbonded polyester and its U.S. business for Typar spunbonded polyester to **Reemay Inc.** About 375 employees of the Tennessee facility which makes Reemay and Typar will be offered jobs at the site with Reemay Inc.

Surrounding Area - **Westinghouse Electric Corp** announced it will close the headquarters for its combustion turbine operation in Concordville, Pa. eliminating 230 management and salaried jobs. The company is moving its operation to its divisional headquarters in Orlando, Florida. . . . A company, sponsored in part by **Exxon Corp.**, has begun surveying the Chesapeake Bay floor for geologic formations that could hold deposits of natural gas or oil. This early survey work was being done on a 180-foot vessel in a 3-day sweep from Norfolk to the Bay Bridge at Annapolis. . . . . The Cecil County Board of Education announced plans to build an $11 million high school near the intersection of Maryland 273 and Maryland 272. The school will provide immediate relief to the overcrowded Rising Sun Junior/Senior High School and Elkton High School. . . . . Construction has begun on a $1.9 million library building for Cecil County on Maryland 279. A $400,000 federal grant and a $1.5 million bond issue will be used to finance the construction.

Canonie Corp of Michigan plans to abandon its **Eastern Shore Railroad Inc.** in February of 1987 to take advantage of the new federal tax law. Delaware , Maryland, and Virginia officials have agreed to try to raise money to prevent the closure. Canonie's price for the line is $7 million. Industries which could be hurt if the railroad shuts down include poultry producers in southern Delaware and Maryland and the auto manufacturers in New Castle County. . . . . **Standard Product Company** has signed a contract with Perdue Farms Inc. to reopen most of its Chesapeake Bay menhaden fleet and provide meal to Perdue. Standard's President, H. R. Humphreys, indicated he has notified plant managers and boat captains to reopen and has hired 125 of the 167 workers furloughed last Spring when Standard closed its Reedville, Va. processing plant.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the third quarter of 1986 were 40,686 with a benefit amount of $5,267,613 paid out.

The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during the third quarter decreased to $131 from the second quarter.

Continued claim counts registered 43,400 during the quarter. This represents an 8 percent increase over the year-ago quarter.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) resumed an upward trend in December increasing 0.3 percent to 325.2 from November's 324.1 level. The December rise followed two months of decreases; a 0.2% decrease in November from October levels and a 0.5% decrease in October from the September Index. Nationally, the December Index was 331.1, for a monthly gain of 0.1 percent and a yearly increase of only 1.1 percent.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The following list, by broad occupational category, indicates the number of job applicants available through the Division of Employment and Training as of December, 1986:

Occupational Group	Active Applicants	Percent of Total
Total Applicants	8,581	100.0
Professional, Tech. & Managerial	1,541	18.0
Clerical	1,669	19.4
Sales	395	4.6
Services	1,124	14.3
Farming, Forestry, & Fishing	111	1.3
Processing	304	3.5
Machine Trades	472	5.5
Benchwork	327	3.8
Structural Trade	1,412	16.4
Transportation	502	5.9
Packaging, Material Handling	575	6.7
Miscellaneous and not assigned	49	0.6

Employers with job openings are urged to utilize this labor source and contact the Division of Employment and Training at the 24-hour hotline number 1-800-231-JOBS.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLE

Delaware Total Non-Agricultural Employment for 1986 averaged 299,100 for a net gain of 6,100 jobs over the comparable period in 1985. The largest gains were in services (+4,100) mainly for businesses and health services; trade (+3,000) with increases in most retail industries; and finance, insurance and real estate (+2,200) with continued sharp gains in banking employment.

Government employment rose (+1,200). Construction and Transportation showed no growth over 1986, while Manufacturing employment declined (-4,200) due to model changeover activity in the automobile industry. The following table and chart highlight the recent changes in Delaware employment (see page 12).

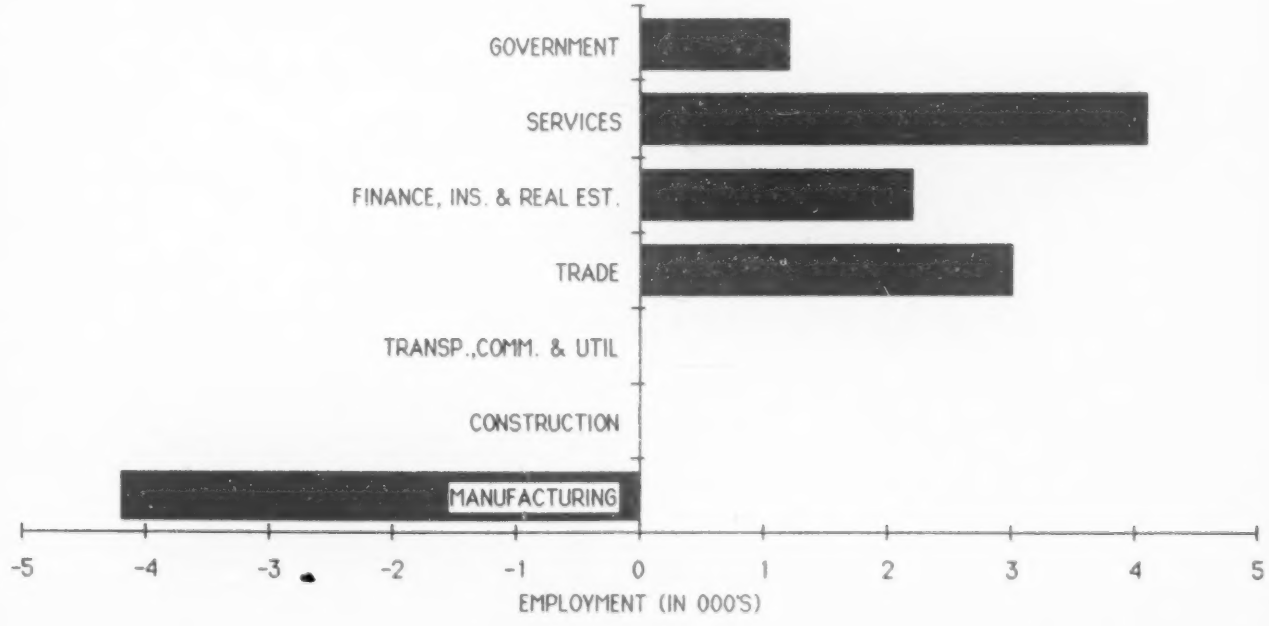
Note: This annual average data uses preliminary December data and will be revised upon completion of the annual benchmarking. Anyone interested in using benchmarked data for analysis should look for our March publication of "The Delaware Labor Market: 1986 in Brief".

DELAWARE NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY BY SECTOR, 1985 AND 1986
(IN 000'S)

	1985 ANNUAL AVERAGE	1986 ANNUAL AVERAGE	CHANGE 1985-86 NUMBER	CHANGE 1985-86 PERCENT
TOTAL	293.0	299.1	6.1	2.1
MANUFACTURING	72.1	67.9	-4.2	-5.8
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
CONSTRUCTION	17.8	17.8	0.0	0.0
TRANSP.,COMM. & UTIL	11.9	11.9	0.0	0.0
TRADE	64.6	67.6	3.0	4.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL EST.	19.5	21.7	2.2	11.3
SERVICES	62.3	66.4	4.1	6.6
GOVERNMENT	44.8	46.0	1.2	2.7

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING

COMPARISON OF JOB CHANGE BY SECTOR: 1985 VS 1986 ANNUAL AVERAGES



DELAWARE- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	1986 OCT.	1986 NOV.	1986 DEC.	1985 OCT.	1985 NOV.	1985 DEC.
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	**305.6**	**307.8**	**310.4**	**298.7**	**299.9**	**300.2**
MANUFACTURING	**68.8**	**69.1**	**70.3**	**72.2**	**72.3**	**71.9**
DURABLE GOODS	**17.7**	**18.5**	**19.9**	**20.5**	**20.4**	**20.4**
PRIMARY METALS	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7
FABRICATED METALS	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7
MACHINERY	3.5	3.5	4.2	3.6	3.6	3.5
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	7.4	8.2	8.9	10.0	9.9	9.9
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	**51.1**	**50.7**	**50.3**	**51.7**	**51.9**	**51.8**
FOOD & KINDRED	9.7	9.8	9.4	10.0	10.2	10.0
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
PAPER & ALLIED PROD	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.9	2.9	2.9
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.5
CHEMICALS	30.9	30.5	30.5	31.0	31.0	30.9
RUBBER & PLASTICS	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
NONMANUFACTURING	**236.8**	**238.7**	**240.1**	**226.5**	**227.6**	**228.3**
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18.0	17.7	17.3	19.4	19.1	18.6
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.2	5.1
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	2.5	2.4	2.2	3.2	3.0	2.8
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	10.5	10.5	10.2	11.0	10.9	10.7
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	12.0	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.4
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7
COMMUNICATION	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	69.1	70.4	71.9	65.3	66.1	67.5
WHOLESALE TRADE	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.4	11.5	11.6
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.1
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.5
RETAIL TRADE	57.7	59.1	60.5	53.9	54.6	55.9
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	9.3	10.2	10.9	8.9	9.6	10.0
FOOD STORES	8.9	9.0	9.3	8.1	8.1	8.3
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.9
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.8	2.9	3.0
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	17.6	17.6	17.4	16.2	15.9	16.0
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	8.1	8.7	9.1	7.6	7.9	8.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	22.2	22.3	22.5	20.2	20.4	20.6
BANKING	11.0	11.2	11.4	9.7	9.8	9.9
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.3
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6
REAL ESTATE	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.7
SERVICES	68.5	68.6	68.7	63.9	63.8	63.4
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.9
BUSINESS SERVICES	18.6	18.8	18.8	16.7	16.9	16.8
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.8
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.1	2.1
HEALTH SERVICES	18.2	18.2	18.2	17.2	17.2	17.2
LEGAL SERVICES	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.8
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.7
SOCIAL SERVICES	5.2	5.2	5.3	4.9	5.2	5.1
OTHER SERVICES	11.8	11.8	11.7	11.2	11.2	11.0
GOVERNMENT	46.9	47.5	47.3	45.4	45.9	45.7
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.4
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	41.5	42.1	41.8	40.0	40.4	40.3
STATE GOVERNMENT	22.6	22.8	22.5	22.1	22.4	22.1
STATE EDUCATION	9.2	9.5	9.3	9.2	9.4	9.1
STATE NON-EDUCATION	13.4	13.3	13.2	12.9	13.0	13.0
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.9	19.3	19.4	17.8	18.0	18.2
LOCAL EDUCATION	13.8	14.1	14.2	13.3	13.5	13.7
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.6	4.6	4.6
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

WILMINGTON PMSA- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A

INDUSTRY GROUP	1986 OCT.	1986 NOV.	1986 DEC.	1985 OCT.	1985 NOV.	1985 DEC.
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	264.8	266.8	270.0	260.0	260.6	261.5
MANUFACTURING	59.2	59.3	60.7	62.1	62.0	61.9
DURABLE GOODS	16.8	17.5	18.9	19.9	19.9	19.8
PRIMARY METALS	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.9	1.9
FABRICATED METALS	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2
MACHINERY	3.6	3.5	4.3	4.0	4.0	3.9
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	7.6	8.4	9.2	10.3	10.2	10.2
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	42.4	41.8	41.8	42.2	42.1	42.0
FOOD & KINDRED	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.2	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.0	1.9
CHEMICALS	32.9	32.4	32.4	32.8	32.8	32.7
RUBBER & PLASTICS	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8
NONMANUFACTURING	205.6	207.5	209.3	197.9	198.6	199.7
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	16.6	16.1	15.7	19.3	18.6	18.3
GENERAL BLDG CONT	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.4
HEAVY CONST CONT	4.7	4.3	4.0	7.7	7.2	7.1
SPECIAL TRADE CONT	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.1	8.0	7.7
TRANS., COMM., & PUB UTILITIES	13.8	13.7	13.9	13.3	13.3	13.3
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.4
COMMUNICATION	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN SERVICE	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	56.4	57.7	59.0	53.2	54.2	55.8
WHOLESALE TRADE	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.3
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.3
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0
RETAIL TRADE	47.0	48.3	49.5	43.9	44.8	46.4
BLDG MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
GENERAL MERCH STORES	7.6	8.2	8.9	7.0	7.5	8.2
FOOD STORES	7.2	7.2	7.5	6.7	6.7	6.9
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.1	5.1	5.2
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.2	2.3	2.5
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	14.1	14.2	13.9	13.3	13.3	13.6
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	6.6	7.1	7.5	6.2	6.5	6.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.3	21.4	21.8	18.8	18.9	19.1
BANKING	10.8	11.0	11.3	9.2	9.3	9.4
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.3
REAL ESTATE	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.2
SERVICES	60.0	60.5	61.1	56.7	56.6	56.3
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.3
BUSINESS SERVICES	16.1	16.5	16.6	14.9	15.0	14.9
AUTOMOBILE & MISC REPAIR	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.6	1.7
HEALTH SERVICES	16.9	17.0	16.7	16.0	16.1	16.2
LEGAL SERVICES	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.6
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3.7	3.7	4.2	3.5	3.6	3.5
SOCIAL SERVICES	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.8
OTHER SERVICES	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.1	10.1	10.0
GOVERNMENT	37.3	37.9	37.7	36.5	36.8	36.8
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.4
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	33.0	33.5	33.4	32.1	32.4	32.2
STATE GOVERNMENT	14.5	14.8	14.5	14.4	14.5	14.3
STATE EDUCATION	8.0	8.2	8.0	7.8	7.9	7.7
STATE NON-EDUCATION	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.5	18.7	18.8	17.7	17.8	17.9
LOCAL EDUCATION	12.9	13.2	13.3	12.7	12.8	12.9
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.0	5.0	5.0
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

TABLE-3

DELAWARE *

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1986									
MANUFACTURING	$ 420 04	$ 426 40	$ 448 58	40 9	41 6	42 6	$ 10 27	$ 10 25	$ 10 53
DURABLE GOODS	504 38	505 99	524 61	42 6	43 1	43 5	11 84	11 74	12 06
PRIMARY METALS	472 00	488 31	462 64	47 2	48 3	43 4	10 00	10 11	10 66
FABRICATED METALS	313 79	331 49	338 91	36 7	38 5	38 6	8 55	8 61	8 78
MACHINERY	449 65	446 87	460 64	40 4	41 3	41 8	11 13	10 82	11 02
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	652 68	635 15	654 08	44 1	44 2	44 8	14 80	14 37	14 60
NONDURABLE GOODS	367 08	370 58	393 86	39 9	40 5	41 9	9 20	9 15	9 40
FOOD & KINDRED	264 71	265 16	286 06	39 1	39 4	41 1	6 77	6 73	6 96
TEXTILE & APPAREL	266 93	273 10	268 69	40 2	40 7	41 9	6 64	6 71	6 89
PAPER & ALLIED PRED	380 85	427 80	454 61	38 2	43 3	45 1	9 97	9 88	10 08
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	316 25	317 20	364 72	35 1	35 6	37 6	9 01	8 91	9 70
CHEMICALS	537 66	551 03	566 82	41 2	41 4	42 3	13 05	13 31	13 40
RUBBER & PLASTICS	439 63	435 37	462 92	42 6	42 6	44 9	10 32	10 22	10 31
1985									
MANUFACTURING	$ 400 75	$ 418 97	$ 420 43	41 4	41 4	41 3	$ 9 68	$ 10 12	$ 10 18
DURABLE GOODS	453 68	495 75	502 14	42 8	42 7	43 4	10 60	11 61	11 57
PRIMARY METALS	428 35	415 07	449 34	44 9	41 3	44 8	9 54	10 05	10 03
FABRICATED METALS	294 14	321 96	348 07	35 1	37 7	40 1	8 38	8 54	8 68
MACHINERY	434 30	438 74	444 31	40 4	40 4	40 8	10 75	10 86	10 89
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	531 33	603 84	600 64	44 5	44 4	44 1	11 94	13 60	13 62
NONDURABLE GOODS	360 28	360 77	357 70	40 3	40 4	39 7	8 94	8 93	9 01
FOOD & KINDRED	256 48	240 33	240 40	40 2	38 7	38 9	6 38	6 21	6 18
TEXTILE & APPAREL	243 14	252 86	254 39	39 6	40 2	42 1	6 14	6 29	6 28
PAPER & ALLIED PRED	346 23	378 01	330 34	38 3	43 3	33 3	9 04	8 73	9 92
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	315 76	334 06	326 97	35 8	37 2	34 6	8 82	8 98	9 45
CHEMICALS	526 19	548 68	546 56	41 4	42 5	42 7	12 71	12 91	12 80
RUBBER & PLASTICS	428 33	425 34	435 11	42 2	41 7	42 7	10 15	10 20	10 19

* COVERS AN ESTIMATED 34,200 PRODUCTON WORKERS

WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA) **

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1986									
MANUFACTURING	$ 511 63	$ 512 40	$ 535 89	41 8	42 0	42 7	$ 12 24	$ 12 20	$ 12 55
DURABLE GOODS	541 45	543 95	555 95	42 5	43 0	42 7	12 74	12 65	13 02
PRIMARY METALS	472 47	488 80	463 08	47 2	48 3	43 4	10 01	10 12	10 67
FABRICATED METALS	317 81	327 95	337 37	38 9	39 8	40 5	8 17	8 24	8 33
MACHINERY	436 30	450 15	466 49	39 2	40 3	40 6	11 13	11 17	11 49
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	648 84	631 40	642 54	43 9	44 0	44 1	14 78	14 35	14 57
NONDURABLE GOODS	477 65	475 67	509 07	41 0	40 9	42 6	11 65	11 63	11 95
FOOD & KINDRED	264 31	258 64	265 60	42 7	42 4	43 9	6 19	6 10	6 05
TEXTILE & APPAREL	269 63	276 05	302 58	38 3	38 5	41 0	7 04	7 17	7 38
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	361 79	359 97	424 08	35 4	35 5	38 0	10 22	10 14	11 16
CHEMICALS	634 30	634 12	668 60	42 4	41 5	43 5	14 96	15 28	15 37
RUBBER & PLASTICS	419 43	419 00	446 75	41 0	41 2	43 5	10 23	10 17	10 27
1985									
MANUFACTURING	$ 454 73	$ 502 11	$ 499 80	42 3	41 6	42 0	$ 10 75	$ 12 07	$ 11 90
DURABLE GOODS	444 78	510 80	511 41	42 4	41 8	42 3	10 49	12 22	12 09
PRIMARY METALS	352 81	415 89	450 24	40 6	41 3	44 8	8 69	10 07	10 05
FABRICATED METALS	295 68	298 32	331 23	38 5	38 1	41 3	7 68	7 83	8 02
MACHINERY	414 92	404 39	414 72	41 0	37 9	38 4	10 12	10 67	10 80
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	525 48	597 04	593 83	45 3	43 9	43 6	11 60	13 60	13 62
NONDURABLE GOODS	466 73	490 59	482 23	42 2	41 4	41 5	11 06	11 85	11 62
FOOD & KINDRED	224 85	183 08	187 85	37 6	29 2	32 5	5 98	6 27	5 78
TEXTILE & APPAREL	252 13	291 10	296 23	40 6	41 0	41 9	6 21	7 10	7 07
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	357 78	390 97	385 53	35 6	37 2	33 7	10 05	10 51	11 44
CHEMICALS	614 63	648 15	622 69	44 7	44 7	44 1	13 75	14 50	14 12
RUBBER & PLASTICS	357 28	409 44	420 34	41 4	40 7	41 7	8 63	10 06	10 08

** COVERS AN ESTIMATED 23,900 PRODUCTON WORKERS

NOTE MOST RECENT MONTH IS PRELIMINIARY DATA

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

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AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
STATE TOTALS 1/	12,602	11,922	16,162	1,560,101	1,480,539	2,226,973	131	131	132
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	7,144	6,319	8,098	907,134	825,499	1,073,670	137	140	141
Wilmington L.O.	4,643	4,127	5,202	559,634	512,703	667,364	130	133	135
Newark L.O.	2,501	2,192	2,896	347,500	312,796	406,306	149	152	151
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	2,088	1,895	2,711	222,813	221,372	315,513	110	120	123
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	1,491	2,009	2,888	161,947	193,066	282,835	115	103	103

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM					
				WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
STATE TOTALS 1/	991	905	1,401						
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	541	447	684						
Wilmington L.O.	318	294	455						
Newark L.O.	223	153	229	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	151	127	257						
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	163	204	241						

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

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	1986			1985		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
* TOTAL COUNT	3,000	3,400	3,900	2,500	3,100	3,500
Number of Auto Industry	100	0	0	0	0	0
Total Less Auto Industry	2,900	3,400	3,900	2,500	3,100	3,500
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL COUNT	12,900	12,700	17,800	11,900	11,800	16,600
Number of Auto Industry	400	0	0	0	0	0
Total Less Auto Industry	12,500	12,700	17,800	11,900	11,800	16,600

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES
*Totals may not add due to rounding.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1986			1985		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
All Items	324.7	324.1	325.2	317.4	318.8	319.7
Food & Beverages	319.1	317.3	318.4	308.1	306.8	308.9
Housing	339.5	338.9	339.6	327.7	330.7	333.4
Apparel & Upkeep	188.8	187.1	185.9	184.1	186.8	181.8
Transportation	325.0	325.3	328.0	341.3	341.8	342.2
Medical	483.3	483.3	486.1	455.3	458.7	457..
Entertainment	255.3	256.4	257.1	248.0	251.0	248.3
Other Goods & Services	380.8	381.1	381.6	353.4	353.0	352.6
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	-0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Yearly	2.3	1.7	1.7	4.5	4.2	4.8
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	330.5	330.8	331.1	325.5	326.6	327.4
Mo. Change (%)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2
Yr. Change (%)	1.5	1.3	1.1	3.2	2.6	3.8

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware's **unemployment rates** during the first quarter were well below national figures.

Manufacturing production workers in Delaware earn an average of $457.26.

Delaware **non-agricultural employment** reached 308,600 in March, 1987, an increase of 16,800 jobs in the past twelve months.

Area **consumer prices** continued an upward movement throughout the quarter.

Tourism in Delaware is worth more than $500 million, producing about $17 million in state taxes and jobs for almost 18,000 people.

Job-training programs in Delaware will receive $4.59 million from the U.S. Department of Labor next fiscal year.

Phoenix Steel has closed its Claymont Mill.

Greenwood Trust Co., issuer of the Discover Card, held the grand opening of its headquarters in New Castle Corporate Commons.

The **Dover Planning Commission** has approved a plan for a subdivision of 57 single family homes and duplexes to be located near the Greentree Village Shopping Center.

A planned community of **600 homes** southwest of Lewes is being built by Plantations Development Company.

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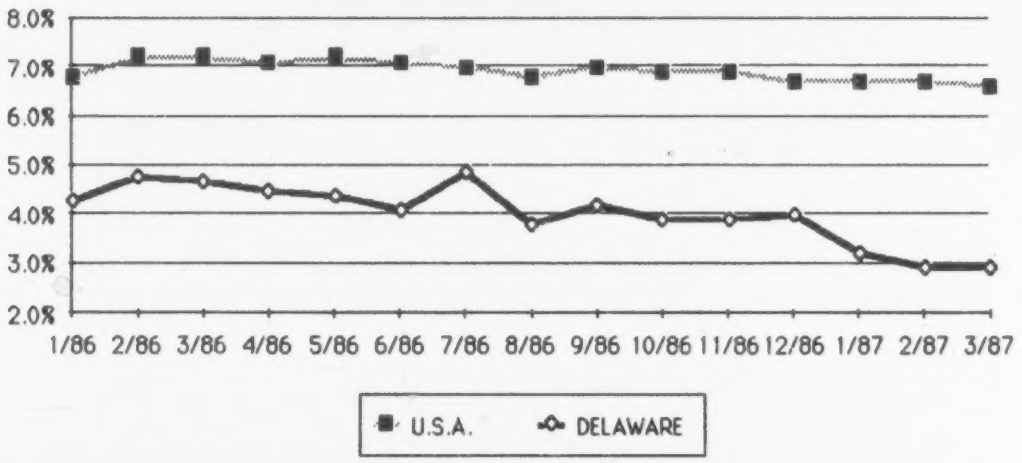
LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE 1)

First-quarter seasonally adjusted unemployment rates continued to reflect Delaware's strengthened economy. The rate was 3.2 percent in January and declined to 2.9 percent in February and March.

The nonseasonally adjusted rates increased slightly, ending the quarter at 3.2 percent in March. Delaware's civilian labor force averaged 325,600 during the first quarter.

Nationally, the unemployment rates remained relatively unchanged throughout the quarter, at 6.7 percent in January and February and 6.6 percent in March.

U.S.A. AND DELAWARE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, JAN.86-MAR.87



NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLES 2&2A)

Total State **nonagricultural wage and salary employment,** after declining in January and February, rose to 308,600 in March. The January decrease was primarily due to seasonal declines in retail trade (including eating and drinking places) and state government . Seasonal declines in retail trade and contract construction, and a plant closing in the primary and fabricated metal sector were responsible for the decrease in February's employment. Seasonal gains in services, contract construction, state government, and retail trade occurred in March.

The **Wilmington PMSA**, averaging 267,000, experienced the same quarterly movement as the State.

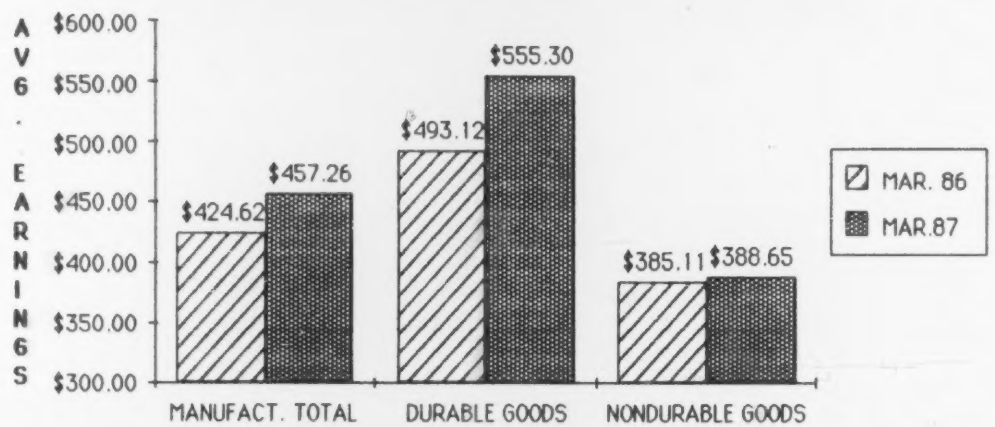
HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware reached a new high in January, declined in February (primarily due to less overtime worked at premium pay) and rose slightly in March to end the quarter at $457.26.

Hours and earnings in paper and allied products showed significant fluctuations during the quarter, decreasing in January due to the hiring of part-time employees, increasing in February resulting from more regular and overtime hours worked, and returning to normal in March.

Wilmington PMSA average weekly earnings reached a new all-time high of $590.89 in January, which was primarily due to increased overtime worked at premium pay and a longer scheduled work week in the transportation equipment sector. February's decline was due to less overtime in this sector, and March weekly earnings returned to normal ending the quarter at $553.28.

DEL. AVG. WEEKLY EARNINGS FOR MFG. PRODUCTION WORKERS



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI **benefits** compensated during the first quarter of 1987 were 73,255 with a benefit amount of $9,527,649 paid out. The large increase from the previous quarter is primarily due to seasonality.

The average **size of payment** for UI regular total unemployment increased slightly to $136 during the quarter. **Continued claim** counts registered 75,400 during the quarter, reflecting a 20 percent decrease over the year.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE 6)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index continued an upward movement throughout the first quarter of 1987, registering 329.4 in March. The quarterly increase was the result of gains in transportation and medical expenditures.

Nationally, the March index registered 335.9, for a monthly gain of 0.4 percent and a 3.0 percent increase over the year.

NATIONAL

Domestic and foreign automakers together set a sales record in 1986, selling 3.7 percent more than in 1985.

The **hottest employment fields in America** in December were **data processing, health care, and banking.**

The U.S. **inflation rate** rose only 1.1 percent in 1986, the smallest increase since 1961, when prices rose just 0.7 percent.

Sales of new homes nationally jumped sharply in December as the housing industry completed its best year since 1978.

Auto sales soared 17.5 percent in December, plummeted a record 26.7 percent in January, and rebounded by 13.5 percent in February. March auto sales rose only 1.0 percent.

Wages for workers in the Southern region of the United States, which includes Delaware, rose 3.2 percent in 1986. The average national wage increased 3.1 percent for the year.

Minimum wage would rise to **$3.85** in 1988, **$4.25** in 1989, and **$4.65** in 1990 under a measure introduced by Sen. Edward Kennedy and Rep. Augustus Hawkins. Automatic increases would follow so that the minimum wage would equal half the average wage for non-supervisory private workers, which currently is $8.88 an hour.

Alaska received the most per capita federal dollars in 1986 at $5,091.13, while North Carolina received the least. **Delaware**, with per capita spending of $2,821.21, ranked 41st. Third-ranked **Maryland** had spending of $4,859.08, **Pennsylvania** was 29th with $3,150.21. Nationwide, the federal government spent an average of $3,391.94 per American.

American's **average weekly earnings**, after discounting for inflation, rose 0.6 percent in February, the best showing since last August.

General Motors Corp. sharply widened its production cutbacks, affecting 43% of GM's 28 assembly plants in the U.S. and Canada. A total of 11,000 employees will be temporarily idled. The four additional plants affected are Leeds, Mo., Arlington, Texas, Doraville, Ga. and Van Nuys, Calif.

General Motors Corp., with $102.8 billion in sales, topped the 1986 Fortune magazine list of the 500 biggest U.S. industrial corporations, ranked by sales, followed by Exxon Corp. with sales of $69.9 million. **Du Pont Co.** was ninth with $27.14 billion; **Chrysler** 11th with $22.5 billion; **Scott Paper**, 115th, with $3.4 billion; **Gannett**, 138th, $2.8 billion; **Hercules**, 148th, $2.62 billion; **NVF**, 279th, $1.09 billion; and **Himont**, 304th, $973.9 million.

Consumer credit grew at a 3.7% rate in February, but the pace was still much slower than in recent years. The rise was fueled by a rebound in revolving credit and a pickup in auto loans.

Texaco Inc., fighting an $11 billion judgment in favor of **Pennzoil Co.**, has filed for protection from creditors under federal bankruptcy laws, the biggest U.S. company to take such a step. Texaco employs nearly 640 people at its petroleum refinery in Delaware City, Del.

Business failures for the first three months of 1987 were up 9.5% to 16,681 from 15,236 a year ago. Business starts for the year dropped 10.4% to 56,644 from 63,252 a year ago. For the last week in March, 38.3% of the businesses started had 2 employees or fewer.

Early April **domestic car sales** declined 15%, continuing the pattern of softness in the new car market. **General Motors Corp.**, whose sales dropped 23.7% in the April 1-10 period, also trimmed April production 13.2% from a year ago. **Ford Motor Co.** sales were off 2.5% for the period, while scheduled production for the month is off 3.2%; and **Chrysler Corp.** sales dropped 11.8% with their production plan falling 25%.

Housing starts fell 3.2% in March, **business inventories** rose a modest 0.2% in February, and the **factory operating rate** fell to 79.2% of capacity in March from 79.7% in February.

STATE

Tourism in Delaware is worth more than **$500 million**, producing nearly $17 million in state taxes and jobs for almost 18,000 people.

Delaware **residential construction** should increase 22 percent, from $16.7 million to $20.4 million, according to December figures compiled by the F.W. Dodge Division of McGraw-Hill.

Sites are being sought to build eight replacement **post offices** in Delaware. Among the branches to be moved are the **Greenville, Talleyville, Union Street, Manor Park, Bear, Georgetown, Millsboro, and Lewes** post offices.

Job-training programs for the unemployed in Delaware will receive $4.59 million from the U.S. Labor Department next fiscal year, up 3 percent from the $4.45 million received this year.

Household income in 1985 was $50,000 or more for 19 percent of all New Castle County households, 7.2 percent of Sussex County households, and 9.5 percent of Kent County households.

Delaware added 11,000 people to its population between July 1, 1985 and July 1, 1986. The 1.8 percent increase was nearly double the national average.

Delaware is getting a **$160,000** federal grant to help restore disease-stricken **oyster beds.**

Delaware's **housing industry** produced 7,726 homes in 1986, a 29 percent increase over 5,993 homes in 1985.

January **business failures** in Delaware dropped 66.7 percent, compared with the same month a year ago.

Delaware's **work force** in February included 68,800 employees in manufacturing and 286,600 in non-manufacturing. Among manufacturers, the chemical industry employed 30,400.

Construction costs for a single-family home in Delaware averaged $46,709 in 1986, a 3 percent increase over the $44,986 cost in 1985. New Castle County had the lowest cost at $39,940.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

First Chicago Corporation will buy **Beneficial National Bank USA** of Wilmington, Del. for $247 million in cash and thus merge two of the country's largest issuers of credit cards. First Chicago hopes to complete the deal in June.

Texaco Chemical will withdraw from the marketing and sale of **methanol** and will discontinue production at its Delaware City plant.

A **new state park swimming pool** and **public areas** at the Christina Gateway Project in Wilmington are among $94.6 million in capital improvements proposed by Gov. Castle.

Three Christina Center, the first of four buildings on 10 acres to be developed by the Christina Gateway Corp., is scheduled for completion in November. **MBANK USA** will lease 150,000 square feet of the 320,000-square-ft. building.

Union Carbide Corp. of Danbury, CT, has sold more than 1,300 acres **along U.S.13 and the Chesapeake and Delaware** Canal for future housing development.

Boscov's Department Stores has purchased the **Pomeroy's** store in Concord Mall and plans to renovate and reopen it late this year.

Phoenix Steel Corp.has closed its Claymont mill.

Toll Bros. Inc. of Horsham, Pa, has bought three tracts in Hockessin for "upscale" housing developments: **Hockessin Hunt, Westover Chase,** and **Hockessin Green.**

Venus Enterprises of Annapolis, Md., will build a 57-room **Econolodge Motel** at the intersection of U.S.13 and 40 near New Castle.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society has started construction of a new office building in **College Square Shopping Center** in Newark. **Happy Harry's Inc.** opened a new 9,000-square-foot discount drug store in the same Center on March 4.

Shader's China Doll factory near Newark has closed permanently and will be liquidated.

The **Du Pont Co.** has agreed to sell its Texas-based high-density ethylene business to the **Sterling Group** of Houston, affecting about 600 Du Pont employees located in Texas and 20 marketing and sales people in Wilmington.

A three-story condominium apartment building is planned for the **Trinity Vicinity** neighborhood by **Frank Robino Associates.**

Greenwood Trust Co., the bank which issues the Discover Card, recently held the grand opening of its headquarters building in **New Castle Corporate Commons.**

Hospital Group of America of McLean, Va., is building a $4.8 million **psychiatric center** for adolescents north of Tybouts corner off U.S.13 across from Beaver Brook Apartments.

Carillon, a new development by **Blue Ball Properties**, and built by **John M. Bonvetti** on Rockland Road, will feature traditional homes priced from $224,600 to $271,100 on lots priced from $74,900 to $84,900.

John W. Fennemore, Jr. is proposing to build 306 single-family detached homes on 175 acres of his farm land just southeast of **Middletown**, east of Silverlake Road between Middletown-Odessa Road and Appoquinimink Creek.

Imperial Chemical Industries PLC will base a new pharmaceutical company, **ICI Pharma**, in Wilmington, further consolidating Wilmington as the focus of U.S. operations.

Helix Associates Inc., a small specialty chemicals firm, has received a state permit to operate a new pilot plant.

Chrysler Corp. has announced plans to buy **American Motors Corp.** for a total of more than $1.5 billion.

Christina House, 707 King Street, is Wilmington's first European-style inn, featuring two-room suites in a contemporary setting.

United Missouri Bancshares Inc., a $3.2 billion multibank holding company with 64 offices in Missouri, will open with $14 million in capital and an initial credit-card portfolio of about $133 million. **Wilmington Trust Co.** will serve as the new bank's credit-card processor and qualifying association under the 1983 Consumer Credit Act.

Three former Kiddie World outlets have opened as new **Leisure World** stores, at Prices Corner, Naamans Road, and on U.S.13 in Dover.

Eckerd Drugs has closed its Market Street Mall store, which it has occupied at 723 Market St. since the 1930's.

Wilmington's **Christina Gateway Project**, a $200 million dollar development being built on 11 acres along the Christina River, will create a financial district of

four **office buildings** housing 4,000 employees, plus a **festival market** that will include shops, restaurants and entertainment areas.

Construction will begin soon on **Hollaway Terrace Park**, a $137,000 project built on land south of Wilmington leased by New Castle County from Delaware River and Bay Authority.

The **Girls Clubs of Delaware Inc.** plans to break ground in June on a $1.8 million child-care and youth service building in Newark on four acres at Library Avenue and Wyoming Road.

Construction will begin soon on a $50 million **Airco Industrial Gases** plant in **Claymont**. The plant will employ about 125 people when it begins operating in 1989, including about 50 employed at Airco's existing Claymont plant.

KENT COUNTY

Kent County grew more vegetables in 1986 than either of Delaware's other counties. Sweet corn was the largest crop with 1,090 of 2,905 acres.

An 8-yr.-old office building at the corner of **U.S.13 and Loockerman Street** is to be renovated and expanded at a cost of **$730,000**. Tenants currently include Realty World/Alpha Real Estate Company and Nutri-System Weight Loss Medical Center.

Dover officials have received assurances that they would receive **$327,000** from the state Bicentennial Community Improvement Fund to help pay for improvements to **Dover**'s downtown area in time for the 200th anniversary of Delaware's ratification of the U.S. Constitution on Dec. 7, 1987. Coupled with a **$125,000** award made to the city by the committee in September, Dover is expected to receive **$500,000** in state funding for its **Constitution Place** project.

Twenty percent of **Dover-area employers** surveyed recently plan to **increase staff** during April, May and June, with new jobs in wholesale and retail trade, manufacturing, transportation and public utilities and services.

The **Dover Planning Commission** has approved a conceptual plan for the development of a new subdivision of 57 single-family homes and duplexes planned for 15 acres just east of Greentree Village Shopping Center in West Dover. Also approved were site plans for the **Reichhold Chemical Inc.** office and laboratory complex planned for 11.65 acres off Silver Lake Boulevard, an **automotive service center** on U.S.13 just north of Kirby & Holloway Family Restaurant, a 50-unit

personal care residence for the elderly on Saulsbury Road, and a 144-unit **garden apartment complex** planned for nine acres on U.S. 13 in north Dover.

Work on **Persimmon Park Place**, a 515-home development planned for 92 acres along Persimmon Tree Lane, behind Dover Downs, is set to start soon.

SUSSEX COUNTY

In one of the largest raw land transactions in Delaware history, the **Capano** family have bought 157 acres of **beach property** south of the Indian River Inlet for $20 million with plans initially to sell 435 single-family housing lots on the ocean side of Delaware 1 below the inlet bridge and north of Gulls Nest.

Sussex County Council has accepted a low bid from **Norflor, Inc.** of $6.5 million to construct an expansion to the **South Coastal Regional Waste Water Facilities.**

A **planned community** of 600 homes southwest of **Lewes** is being built by **Plantations Development Co.** Upon project completion, the 155-acre site will have 320 townhomes, 80 single-family homes, 200 condominium apartments, 12 tennis courts, two pools, a restaurant, pro shop, convenience store, jogging and walking trails, and a golf driving range.

REGIONAL

Kelly-Springfield will build a new $9 million corporate headquarters in Alleghany County under an arrangement with state and local officials.

Andrews, Dickinson & Pinkston Inc. of West Chester, Pa., which has two real estate offices in Delaware, has been bought by New Jersey-based **Weichert Realtors Inc.**, one of the country's largest privately-owned residential real estate firms. The new firm has plans to open five offices in Delaware within a year.

The **Chesapeake Bay** oyster industry is facing its worst year since record-keeping began after the Civil War, with watermen expected to haul fewer than a million bushels of oysters this season.

Bayliner Marine Corp. will build a $3 million plant in Salisbury to manufacture a full line of pleasure boats, employing 300 people.

Eight of 20 **Safeway stores** in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern shore have closed and will be sold after employees overwhelmingly rejected wage and benefit cuts. Closed are stores in **Dover, Milford, Seaford, Georgetown** and **Rehoboth Beach**, and in Maryland, **Cambridge, Salisbury** and **Pocomoke City**. About 425 people are left without jobs.

Peninsula United Methodist Homes Inc. of Wilmington, DE plans to build an 180-unit retirement community on 67 acres along the **Chester River.**

PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information (OOLMI) announces the release of the following publications:

Labor Market Information Directory, March, 1987. This publication provides a current list of publications and data provided by the Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information, Delaware Department of Labor. The Directory provides a brief description of publications, programs and external data sources.

The Delaware Labor Market: 1986 in Brief. This report provides narrative and statistical summary of selected current labor market information, including an annual overview of unemployment, employment, number of establishments, average length of claims, and personal income, with comparisons of previous year figures.

Report A: 1986 Estimated Social Indicators for Planning and Evaluation--State of Delaware. Provides tables of household and family composition, employed persons by major industry group and class of worker, income of households by race, income of families and unrelated individuals, and selected poverty indicators by race and age. Uses 1980 census data and estimates based on the Current Population Survey (CPS) data.

Report B: 1987 Projected Population, Labor Force and Unemployment--Delaware Provides population projections through July 1987. Population by age and race, as well as projections for labor force and unemployment. Data is at the statewide and county level.

Report C: Labor Market Information for Affirmative Action Compliance Planning--Delaware 1985 Update. Includes tables of labor force by sex, race, and ethnic groups for 1980 and 1985 and major occupation groups of employed persons by race, sex, and ethnic group for the same 1980-1985 time frame.

If you would like copies of these publications, please contact the Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information, Delaware Department of Labor, (302)368-6964.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

TABLE I

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		JAN	FEB	MAR*	JAN	FEB	MAR*	JAN	FEB	MAR*	JAN	FEB	MAR*
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1987	332.6	336.4	337.2	321.9	326.8	327.5	10.7	9.6	9.7	3.2	2.9	2.9
	1986	319.6	320.4	321.2	306.0	304.9	306.0	13.6	15.5	15.1	4.3	4.8	4.7
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1987	323.0	325.0	328.8	310.9	313.4	318.3	12.1	11.6	10.4	3.7	3.6	3.2
	1986	310.9	311.0	313.7	295.6	292.4	297.5	15.3	18.6	16.3	4.9	6.0	5.2
WILMINGTON PMSA, UNADJUSTED	1987	281.4	282.5	284.9	269.0	270.0	273.8	12.3	12.5	11.1	4.4	4.4	3.9
	1986	273.2	273.7	274.8	258.6	255.5	258.6	14.7	18.2	16.2	5.4	6.6	5.9
UNITED STATES, SEASON. ADJ.**	1987	119,034.0	119,349.0	119,222.0	111,011.0	111,382.0	111,368.0	8,023.0	7,967.0	7,854.0	6.7	6.7	6.6
	1986	116,794.0	117,042.0	117,187.0	108,892.0	108,557.0	108,807.0	7,902.0	8,485.0	8,380.0	6.8	7.2	7.2
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1987	3,857.0	3,908.0	3,965.0	3,718.0	3,746.0	3,819.0	139.0	162.0	146.0	3.6	4.1	3.7
	1986	3,875.0	3,889.0	3,834.0	3,645.0	3,666.0	3,670.0	230.0	223.0	164.0	5.9	5.7	4.3
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1987	8,511.0	8,484.0	8,511.0	8,009.0	8,065.0	8,108.0	502.0	419.0	403.0	5.9	4.9	4.7
	1986	8,433.0	8,387.0	8,358.0	7,895.0	7,824.0	7,802.0	538.0	563.0	556.0	6.4	6.7	6.7
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASON. ADJ.**	1987	5,610.0	5,561.0	5,530.0	5,267.0	5,255.0	5,204.0	343.0	306.0	326.0	6.1	5.5	5.9
	1986	5,615.0	5,643.0	5,722.0	5,187.0	5,236.0	5,289.0	428.0	407.0	433.0	7.6	7.2	7.6
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1987	2,374.5	2,363.7	2,392.9	2,249.2	2,235.5	2,273.9	125.3	121.1	119.0	5.3	5.4	5.0
	1986	2,277.8	2,285.3	2,312.8	2,158.9	2,162.4	2,197.2	118.9	123.0	115.5	5.2	5.4	5.0

*PRELIMINARY ** U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

DELAWARE- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	1987 JAN	1987 FEB	1987 MAR	1986 JAN	1986 FEB	1986 MAR
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	3063	3053	3086	2919	2885	2920
MANUFACTURING	693	688	687	715	679	672
DURABLE GOODS	190	185	184	205	168	165
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	33	30	28	38	38	38
MACHINERY	34	34	34	36	36	36
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	89	88	88	98	61	58
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	33	33	33	33	33	33
NONDURABLE GOODS	503	503	504	510	511	507
FOOD & KINDRED	98	98	97	98	98	95
TEXTILE & APPAREL	14	14	14	16	15	14
PAPER & ALLIED PROD	23	23	23	29	29	28
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	29	29	30	25	25	26
CHEMICALS	304	304	305	309	312	310
RUBBER & PLASTICS	26	26	26	26	26	26
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	09	09	09	09	08	08
NONMANUFACTURING	2369	2365	2399	2205	2207	2248
MINING	01	01	01	01	01	01
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	175	166	175	166	159	173
GENERAL BLDG CONT	46	45	46	47	45	47
HEAVY CONST CONT	20	19	23	22	21	26
SPECIAL TRADE CONT	108	102	105	98	93	100
TRANS., COMM., & PUB UTILITIES	126	126	127	121	123	121
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS	17	17	17	16	17	17
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	38	38	39	36	36	35
COMMUNICATION	18	18	18	16	16	16
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN SERVICE	27	27	27	27	27	27
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	26	25	25	25	27	26
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	688	679	685	632	624	634
WHOLESALE TRADE	112	113	114	110	110	110
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	64	64	64	63	63	63
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	48	49	49	47	47	47
RETAIL TRADE	576	566	572	522	514	524
BLDG MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP	22	22	22	20	20	21
GENERAL MERCH STORES	95	90	90	93	88	89
FOOD STORES	93	94	94	78	78	79
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	59	58	59	57	57	58
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	29	28	29	27	26	26
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	29	30	29	26	26	26
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	166	162	165	148	148	153
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	82	81	82	73	72	73
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	242	242	244	213	215	217
BANKING	132	132	133	112	114	116
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	21	21	21	19	19	19
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS & BROKERS	49	49	49	48	48	47
REAL ESTATE	40	41	40	34	34	34
SERVICES	684	689	699	631	629	640
PERSONAL SERVICES	30	30	31	29	29	29
BUSINESS SERVICES	191	191	194	164	162	165
AUTOMOBILE & MISC REPAIR	29	29	29	27	26	26
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	20	25	26	19	19	21
HEALTH SERVICES	182	182	184	176	175	177
LEGAL SERVICES	21	22	22	19	19	19
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	38	38	38	37	38	38
SOCIAL SERVICES	52	52	53	48	49	49
OTHER SERVICES	120	119	123	111	111	114
GOVERNMENT	454	461	468	441	456	463
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	59	58	58	57	58	57
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	396	403	410	384	398	405
STATE GOVERNMENT	211	217	225	205	215	221
STATE EDUCATION	78	85	93	75	86	91
STATE NON-EDUCATION	133	132	132	129	130	130
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	185	186	185	180	182	184
LOCAL EDUCATION	139	139	138	134	137	138
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	46	47	46	46	46	46
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	01	01	04	01	01	01

WILMINGTON PMSA- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A INDUSTRY GROUP	1987 JAN	1987 FEB	1987 MAR	1986 JAN	1986 FEB	1986 MAR
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	266.8	265.8	268.5	254.8	251.3	253.5
MANUFACTURING	59.3	58.8	58.9	61.3	57.8	57.3
DURABLE GOODS	17.9	17.6	17.4	19.5	15.8	15.4
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.9	2.6	2.4	3.3	3.3	3.3
MACHINERY	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.0
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	9.0	8.9	8.9	9.8	6.0	5.8
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	41.3	41.3	41.5	41.7	42.0	41.8
FOOD & KINDRED	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0
CHEMICALS	32.4	32.3	32.4	32.7	33.0	32.9
RUBBER & PLASTICS	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.3
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
NONMANUFACTURING	207.5	206.9	209.6	193.5	193.5	196.2
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	17.0	15.8	16.4	16.3	15.4	15.8
GENERAL BLDG. CONT	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.3
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	3.8	3.4	3.6	5.2	4.8	4.4
SPECIAL TRADE CONT	9.6	8.9	9.3	7.9	7.5	8.1
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	13.6	13.6	13.9	13.0	13.2	13.1
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	3.9	4.1	4.2	3.6	3.6	3.5
COMMUNICATION	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	57.2	56.2	56.6	52.9	52.3	53.0
WHOLESALE TRADE	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.3	9.3	9.4
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.4
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0
RETAIL TRADE	47.6	46.5	46.9	43.6	43.0	43.6
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.3
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	7.8	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.2	7.2
FOOD STORES	8.1	8.2	8.1	6.6	6.5	6.6
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.2
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	13.4	13.0	13.3	12.7	12.8	13.1
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	6.8	6.6	6.7	6.1	6.0	6.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	22.2	22.3	22.4	19.3	19.5	19.6
BANKING	12.0	12.0	12.1	10.2	10.3	10.4
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.8
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.4
REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.0
SERVICES	60.9	61.6	62.2	56.6	56.6	57.4
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
BUSINESS SERVICES	18.0	18.1	18.2	15.4	15.3	15.5
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	1.4	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.7
HEALTH SERVICES	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.1	16.0	16.2
LEGAL SERVICES	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7
SOCIAL SERVICES	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.0
OTHER SERVICES	10.3	10.3	10.6	9.8	9.8	10.0
GOVERNMENT	36.4	37.1	37.9	35.1	36.5	37.2
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	31.6	32.3	33.2	30.4	31.7	32.5
STATE GOVERNMENT	13.2	13.8	14.6	13.0	13.9	14.4
STATE EDUCATION	6.6	7.2	8.1	6.3	7.3	7.8
STATE NON-EDUCATION	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.7
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.4	18.5	18.6	17.5	17.8	18.1
LOCAL EDUCATION	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.3	12.6	12.7
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.2	5.2	5.4
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

TABLE - 3

DELAWARE *

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
1987									
MANUFACTURING	$ 484 34	$ 432 31	$ 457 26	42 9	40 9	42 3	$ 11 29	$ 10 57	$ 10 81
DURABLE GOODS	619 10	500 97	555 30	44 7	41 3	45 0	13 85	12 13	12 34
PRIMARY & FAB METALS	370 17	381 05	370 80	38 6	39 9	39 7	9 59	9 55	9 34
MACHINERY	443 70	463 97	456 06	43 5	43 0	44 8	10 20	10 79	10 18
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	834 62	611 89	706 59	48 3	42 7	48 1	17 28	14 33	14 69
NONDURABLE GOODS	386 88	384 48	388 65	41 6	40 6	40 4	9 30	9 47	9 62
FOOD & KINDRED	303 97	275 60	284 93	43 3	38 6	39 3	7 02	7 14	7 25
TEXTILE & APPAREL	297 49	293 76	289 51	43 0	41 2	41 3	6 93	7 13	7 01
PAPER & ALLIED PRED	302 10	445 44	366 66	31 7	46 4	38 8	9 53	9 60	9 45
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	330 78	326 90	337 61	34 6	35 0	35 5	9 56	9 34	9 51
CHEMICALS	563 30	571 55	589 36	42 1	42 4	42 8	13 38	13 48	13 77
RUBBER & PLASTICS	497 26	472 65	472 19	46 3	45 1	44 8	10 74	10 48	10 54
1986									
MANUFACTURING	$ 428 90	$ 417 17	$ 424 62	41 4	41 1	42 0	$ 10 36	$ 10 15	$ 10 11
DURABLE GOODS	499 16	496 50	493 12	42 7	43 4	43 6	11 69	11 44	11 31
PRIMARY & FAB METALS	348 65	419 76	411 40	40 4	44 0	42 5	9 36	9 54	9 68
MACHINERY	437 89	422 37	436 95	39 7	36 1	38 6	11 03	11 70	11 32
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	599 76	670 46	664 74	44 1	48 2	48 1	13 60	13 91	13 82
NONDURABLE GOODS	373 70	370 94	385 11	40 4	39 8	41 1	9 25	9 32	9 37
FOOD & KINDRED	285 23	258 72	262 19	41 7	38 5	38 5	6 84	6 72	6 81
TEXTILE & APPAREL	247 04	228 24	243 71	40 9	36 0	38 5	6 04	6 34	6 33
PAPER & ALLIED PRED	269 09	399 11	443 78	30 1	43 1	49 2	8 94	9 26	9 02
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	323 40	326 53	328 15	34 7	34 7	36 1	9 32	9 41	9 09
CHEMICALS	550 84	540 09	551 26	42 8	41 9	42 8	12 87	12 89	12 88
RUBBER & PLASTICS	430 68	445 84	469 67	42 1	42 3	44 1	10 23	10 54	10 65

* COVERS AN ESTIMATED 33,800 PRODUCTION WORKERS

WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA) **

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
1987									
MANUFACTURING	$ 590 89	$ 519 58	$ 553 28	43 9	41 5	43 6	$ 13 46	$ 12 52	$ 12 69
DURABLE GOODS	653 23	526 66	587 40	43 9	40 7	44 5	14 88	12 94	13 20
PRIMARY & FAB METALS	352 67	362 31	346 32	37 8	39 0	39 0	9 33	9 29	8 88
MACHINERY	431 16	456 69	450 02	38 6	39 0	40 8	11 17	11 71	11 03
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	822 53	603 29	699 24	47 6	42 1	47 6	17 28	14 33	14 69
NONDURABLE GOODS	508 08	510 00	511 70	43 8	42 5	42 5	11 60	12 00	12 04
FOOD & KINDRED	280 12	277 37	295 45	46 3	45 1	47 5	6 05	6 15	6 22
TEXTILE & APPAREL	329 06	331 00	318 94	43 7	42 6	42 3	7 53	7 77	7 54
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	379 81	374 11	385 89	35 2	35 8	36 2	10 79	10 45	10 66
CHEMICALS	652 28	669 48	678 02	46 0	43 7	43 8	14 18	15 32	15 48
RUBBER & PLASTICS	480 53	460 60	464 09	44 7	43 7	43 7	10 75	10 54	10 62
1986									
MANUFACTURING	$ 490 04	$ 489 63	$ 491 82	41 0	41 6	42 0	$ 11 88	$ 11 77	$ 11 71
DURABLE GOODS	495 15	502 10	501 50	42 0	42 3	42 5	11 93	11 87	11 80
PRIMARY & FAB METALS	378 98	408 37	393 96	42 0	44 1	42 0	9 11	9 26	9 38
MACHINERY	387 13	378 81	407 42	40 0	36 6	38 4	9 63	10 35	10 61
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	592 96	663 98	659 69	44 0	47 7	47 7	13 60	13 92	13 83
NONDURABLE GOODS	482 47	476 89	481 40	41 0	40 9	41 5	11 80	11 66	11 60
FOOD & KINDRED	182 21	211 46	225 33	27 0	38 1	40 6	6 65	5 55	5 55
TEXTILE & APPAREL	281 50	270 84	270 90	40 0	38 2	38 7	7 02	7 09	7 00
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	382 24	394 49	383 29	35 0	35 7	36 4	10 89	11 05	10 53
CHEMICALS	625 10	604 45	610 07	44 0	41 6	41 7	14 37	14 53	14 63
RUBBER & PLASTICS	417 36	431 18	438 23	41 0	41 7	42 3	10 13	10 34	10 36

** COVERS AN ESTIMATED 23,600 PRODUCTION WORKERS

NOTE MOST RECENT MONTH IS PRELIMINIARY DATA

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR REGULAR U.I. PROGRAM BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMT. OF PAYMENT (000')		
STATE TOTALS *	22,751	25,519	24,985	2,909,380	3,336,144	3,282,125
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	11,439	12,221	12,023	1,553,609	1,691,325	1,687,365
WILMINGTON L.O.	6,931	7,664	7,827	917,525	1,030,758	1,069,487
NEWARK L.O.	4,508	4,557	4,196	636,084	660,567	617,878
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	4,910	5,348	5,074	549,630	611,172	561,283
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	3,091	3,736	3,377	316,297	401,842	359,326
	AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT			NUMBER OF U.I. FIRST PAYMENTS		
STATE TOTALS *	135	137	137	2,554	2,615	1,501
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	143	146	146	1,192	1,303	705
WILMINGTON L.O.	139	141	142	689	807	450
NEWARK L.O.	150	154	155	503	496	255
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	121	121	117	670	520	289
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	109	113	113	358	386	270

* INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS

SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE U.I. REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS

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	1987			1986		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL COUNT	5,300	6,500	5,900	5,700	5,800	5,600
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	0	0	0	0	2,900	3,800
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	5,300	6,500	5,900	5,700	2,900	1,800
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL COUNT	22,400	26,500	26,500	24,200	30,400	39,100
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	0	0	0	0	7,300	15,500
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	22,400	26,500	26,500	24,200	23,100	23,700

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING

SOURCE: DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1987 JAN	1987 FEB	1987 MAR	1986 JAN	1986 FEB	1986 MAR
ALL ITEMS	327.7	329.0	329.4	320.3	320.1	319.1
FOOD & BEVERAGES	322.8	322.8	321.8	309.0	308.8	311.4
HOUSING	339.6	343.8	343.9	333.5	334.0	332.4
APPAREL & UPKEEP	189.3	187.1	188.6	181.1	180.8	181.6
TRANSPORTATION	332.6	332.1	333.8	343.5	339.9	332.4
MEDICAL	486.0	487.4	488.7	458.2	461.8	464.8
ENTERTAINMENT	257.8	254.5	254.3	250.1	249.1	249.1
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES	390.8	392.1	392.8	356.8	361.7	363.2
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
ALL ITEMS						
MONTHLY	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.3
YEARLY	2.3	2.8	3.2	4.6	3.5	2.8

	UNITED STATES					
ALL ITEMS						
INDEX	333.1	334.4	335.9	328.4	327.5	326.0
MO. CHANGE (%)	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.5
YR. CHANGE (%)	1.4	2.1	3.0	3.7	3.2	2.8

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware's **unemployment rates** during the first half of 1987 averaged 3.0 percent, second lowest in the nation.

Manufacturing production workers in Delaware earn an average of $427.52 per week.

Delaware **non-agricultural employment** reached 318,300 in June, 1987, an increase of 9,800 jobs in the past twelve months.

Area **consumer prices** continued a sharp upward movement during the quarter.

The value of Delaware **construction contracts** are down for the first half of the year.

Bellevue Park Corporate Center, a seven-building complex north of Wilmington, is now under construction.

Major expansion is planned for the **Concord Mall** north of Wilmington.

ICI Americas Inc. dedicated its new $40 million wing at the Wilmington headquarters.

The **Aetna Life and Casualty Company** will open an employee benefits division in Dover.

International Science and Technology/Delaware plans to produce equipment for removing salt from seawater. The plant will be located in Lewes.

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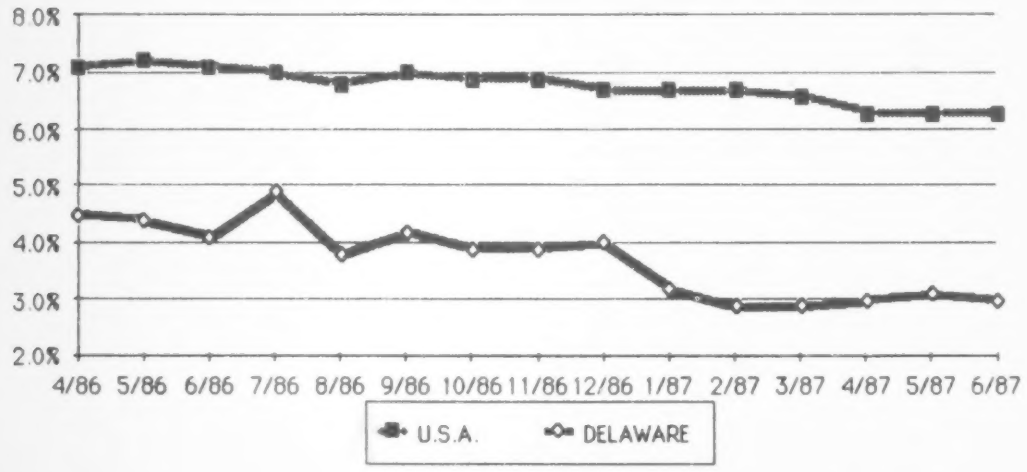
LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE 1)

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rates remained relatively stable during the second quarter, averaging 3.0 percent. During the first six months of 1987, Delaware maintained the second lowest unemployment rate in the nation.

The nonseasonal unemployment rates declined from 3.0 percent in April to 2.8 percent in May, and increased to 3.1 percent in June. The rise in June reflects seasonal increases due to school closings.

Nationally, the unemployment rates declined over the quarter from 6.3 percent in April and May to 6.1 percent in June.

U.S.A. AND DELAWARE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, APR. 86-JUNE 87



NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE 2 & 2A)

Total State nonagricultural wage & salary employment increased substantially throughout the entire quarter ending at 318,300 for June. Seasonal increases led to the gains, primarily in Contract Construction and Retail Trade, especially in eating and drinking places. Services also increased in the amusement and recreation sector. Seasonal declines in State Government are due to the end of the school term.

The Wilmington PMSA, averaging 272,800 over the quarter, experienced the same movement as Statewide.

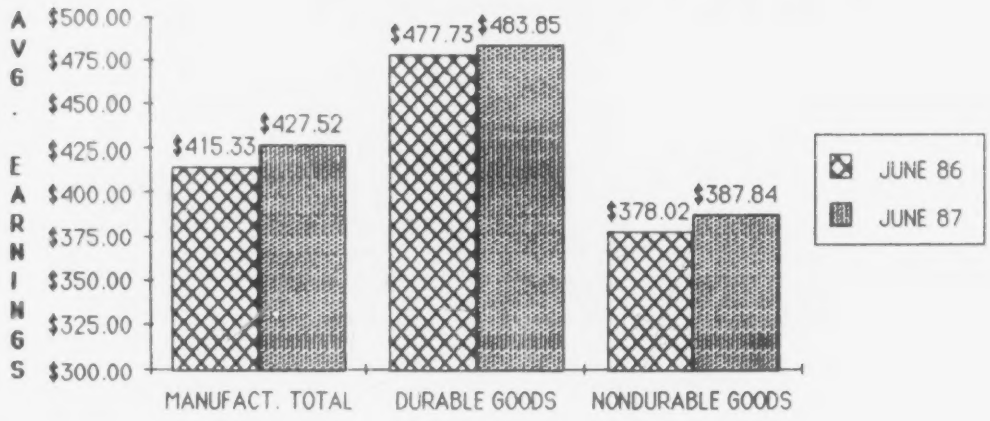
HOURS & EARNINGS (TABLE 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware reached a low in April of $418.48, increased slightly in May and decreased again in June to end the quarter at $427.52. This fluctuation is primarily due to the hiring of lower-paid part-time employees and less overtime at premium pay.

Hours and earnings in Primary and Fabricated Metals showed significant fluctuations during the quarter along with Paper and Allied Products, decreasing in April due to the hiring of part-time employees, increasing in May resulting in more regular hours worked, and returning to normal in June

Wilmington PMSA average weekly earnings in Manufacturing decreased in April to $500.61 due to the hiring of lower-paid part-time employees, increased slightly in May and remained about the same for June ending the quarter at $517.88.

DEL. AVG. WEEKLY EARNINGS FOR MFG. PRODUCTION WORKERS



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the second quarter of 1987 totaled 46,019 with a benefit amount of $ 6,194,275 paid. The quarterly decline represents a return to normal after seasonal increases during the first quarter.

The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment increased over the first quarter to $142. Continued claim counts registered 48,100 during the quarter. This 50 percent yearly decline reflects the continued strength of Delaware's economy.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE 6)

The Philadelphia area Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) rose 0.8 percent in June following gains of 1.3 percent in April and 0.7 percent in May. The June increase was attributed to a seasonal increase in the housing component. The index of 339.0 represented a large gain of 5.4 percent in the past twelve months. Nationally, the June index was 340.1 for a monthly gain of 0.4 percent and a yearly increase of 3.7 percent.

NATIONAL

Nationally, consumer prices rose 0.4% in June, with large increases in the cost of energy, food, and medical care. A bright note in the report was a decline in apparel costs. For the first six months of 1987, consumer costs have risen by an annual rate of 5.4 percent, the steepest increase in five years.

The Commerce Department said **housing sales** edged up a slight 3.5 pecent in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 658,000 units following a giant 13.2 percent drop in May sales. Analysts said the housing market appeared to be regaining its balance following a sharp rise in mortgage rates in April and May.

Paychecks for the nation's 78 million full-time workers rose an average 4.2 percent in the past year, nearly double the rate of inflation, to a median $369 per week in early 1987.

New **construction** contracts awarded in June rose 9% from May, rebounding from two months of decline, according to **F.W. Dodge Co**. nonresidential building, consisting of commercial, industrial and institutional construction jumped 13% while residential building rose only 1%. Non-building construction, which includes public works and utilities, rose 19 percent.

Home mortgage rates rose for the third consecutive month in June, but the rate of the increase slowed, according to the Federal Home Loan Bank. The interest rate for a fixed-rate conventional mortgage of 15 years or more was 10.85 percent in early June, up from 10.62 percent in early May.

The **U.S. Postal Service** will seek rate increases that would average 16% for all classes of mail and boost postage for a first-class letter to 25 cents.

Among states with a personal income tax, these states collected the most and least tax per capita in 1986: New York: $651.72; **Delaware: $621.97;** Massachussetts: $620.25; Wisconsin $467.93; Minnesota: $462.41; Alaska: $1.04; Tennessee $14.04; New Hampshire: $24.20; New Mexico: $69.39; and Connecticut: $94.29.

America's **factories, mines, and utilities** operated at just 78.9 percent of

capacity in April, the poorest showing in more than three years.

American's **after-tax incomes** took the sharpest plunge in 12 years in April. The 2.4 percent April decline, the biggest setback since a 2.9 percent drop in June 1975, followed a tiny 0.1 percent March increase. The savings rate, savings as a percent of disposable income, fell to a record low of 0.1 percent in April, down from 3.2 percent in March. Economists predicted that both disposable incomes and savings would rebound after the decline, which was attributed to tax reform.

Consumer buying plans perked up in May with almost 9 percent of survey respondents intending to purchase a car, up from 7.1 percent in April, but below last May's 9.6 percent. Homebuying plans are up from April's 3.2 percent to May's 4.3 percent.

Retail sales fell to their lowest levels in four months during May with an 0.6 percent drop following an 0.2 percent gain in April. Since February, sales have been relatively flat as consumers cut back on spending.

Consumer spending shot up 0.7 percent in June, the best showing in two months. The Commerce Department said the spending gain followed a 0.1 percent decline in purchases in May. The strength in June came from a rebound in auto sales and higher spending in the service category.

New **immigration reforms**, confusing to farmers and farm laborers alike, were leading to a shortage of migrant workers during harvest season. The reforms called for employers to check the status of new employees, with the goal of detecting illegal aliens. Bowing to pressure, the Immigration and Naturalization Service made several concessions to allow workers to remain in the country without immediately presenting papers. The workers would be given a 90-day period to obtain proper status.

The **U.S. Agriculture Department** announced that prices farmers received for raw products in June rose 1.6 percent from May, averaging 8.3 percent more than a year ago. Higher prices for hogs, cotton, oranges, apples and soybeans more than offset lower prices in June for wheat, hay, onions, broilers and milk.

According to a **survey of economists** by The Wall Street Journal, the economy is expected to expand faster in the third quarter than in the prior period. Their estimate shows the economy expanding at a 3.1% annual rate in the July-to-September period after adjusting for inflation. That would be up from a lethargic 1.7% pace estimated for the second quarter.

U.S. sales of **domestic cars** made in mid-June improved from recent sluggish levels but were still down 11.3% from the year-earlier period. Of the Big Three auto-makers, only Ford Motor Co. reported an increase, while sales by General Motors Corp. fell by 25.3%.

The **Commerce Department** reported that its main economic forecasting gauge posted a robust 0.8 percent increase in June, the fifth consecutive monthly advance and the best showing since March. Analysts said that the June increase in the

leading indicators was another sign that the economy performed at a better-than-expected rate in the Spring, setting the stage for continued growth for the rest of this year and through 1988.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said that **weekly paychecks** are generally keeping up with inflation with the median pay for full-time workers climbing to $371 in the April-June quarter. The 3.7 percent advance from a year ago matched the level of inflation during this period.

The June increase in **orders for manufactured goods,** the fifth consecutive monthly improvement, suggests to most analysts continued healthy growth ahead for the industrial sector. As reported by the Commerce Department, orders rose 1.7% in June following an increase of 0.4% in May and advance of 0.6% in April.

STATE

The number of **jobs** in Delaware grew by 19.8 percent between 1980 and 1986, ranking the state seventh in the nation in that category.

Manufacturing employed more Delawareans than any other sector in 1986, making up 22.5 percent of all jobs in the state, down from 24.6 percent in 1985.

Personal income for Delawareans rose 5.6 percent in 1986, compared with a 5.5 percent increase nationally. Total personal income in the state was $9.28 billion during 1986.

The Committee of 100, a group with civic and business concerns, will donate $25,000 to the **Delaware Development Office** for production of six videotapes to promote economic development in the state.

Two-thirds of **Delaware's labor force** works in New Castle County, with 67.6% of the state's workers, compared with 17.8% in Sussex County and 14.6% in Kent County.

Per capita income in Delaware increased 5.2 percent from 1985 to 1986, and is 2 percent higher than the national average.

According to Dun & Bradstreet, **business starts** in Delaware declined 2.6 percent last year, with 631 firms providing 3,322 jobs in 1986, compared with 648 firms with 2,799 jobs in 1985.

Delaware's average family had $99,400 in **life insurance** in force in 1985--second only to Washington, DC families who had $126,800 of insurance in force.

Budgets for **merit pay raises** are growing at a slower pace than last year in Delaware, but still faster than the national pace. Merit pay for top management is budgeted at 5.4% for 1987, compared to 6.1 percent for 1986, and a 5 percent national rate this year.

Sun City Industries Inc. has abandoned plans to build a 1-million-bird egg farm near the New Caste-Kent County line. The project, a source of 100 jobs for the region, ran into local opposition plus an unresolved problem involving the property survey.

Delaware derives 36.9 percent of its revenue from **personal income taxes**. The next largest identifiable sources of funds are franchise taxes, 14.2 percent, and gross receipts taxes, 7.8 percent.

Federal spending in Delaware averaged $2,821.21 a person in 1986. The state ranked 41st in the amount of federal dollars received.

According to a study by **Grant Thornton,** a national management consulting firm, Delaware was rated as having the 15th most favorable business climate in 1986. Delaware showed improvement over the 1985 ranking of 31st in the nation.

The value of Delaware **construction contracts** for the first half of the year is down more than 50 percent from the same period last year according to F.W. Dodge Division of McGraw-Hill Information Systems Co. Contracts last year totaled $651.87 million through June, but this year the total is down to $317.58 million. Non-residential building, which includes office and industrial building, is down sharply. Home building continues to show gains but not enough to offset declines in commercial building.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Bellevue Park Corporate Center, a seven-building complex north of Wilmington, is now under construction. When completed in five years, the park will have 756,000 square feet of space with a market value of more than $100 million, and will include a sandwich shop, executive fitness center, and child-care center.

People spent $50 million in **eating and drinking places** in Wilmington in 1986, compared to $30.4 million in city **drug-stores** and $24.6 million on **furniture and appliances** bought in Wilmington.

One-third of all employers in the Wilmington area plan to hire **additional workers** during July, August and September; 7 percent of local businesses plan some staff cuts during the third quarter of the year, while 57 percent foresee no changes; 3 percent are unsure of their hiring plans. Nationally, 29 percent of the 13,000 businesses polled said they planned to hire more workers this summer.

American Centennial Insurance Company, recently purchased from Beneficial Corp., plans to move the insurance company's main office from New Jersey to Wilmington. About 135 jobs will be moved to Delaware, and approximately 15 new jobs will be created. Another 35 to 50 jobs will be created when a claims

processing and administrative office is opened in Dover this year.

J.P. Morgan & Co., which already employs 600 people in Delaware, will move the support operations for its New York-based Private Banking Group to Wilmington, creating another 100 jobs in the state.

A nursing shortage at the **Delaware State Hospital** has led the state to order its public health nurses to work mandatory overtime at the 500-bed institution. The state's mental hospital has been unable to fill 18 nursing vacancies and operates at 50 percent staffing levels on some shifts.

The Labor Department fined **Chrysler Corp.** more than $1.5 milion for 811 infractions, including willfully exposing auto workers to lead and arsenic at its assembly plant in Newark. This was the largest penalty ever assessed for job health and safety violations.

JMB Realty Corp., owners of the **Concord Mall**, have drawn up plans to expand the shopping center by 118,000-square-feet. Plans for the center include a second floor, a food court, and a parking garage that would add 649 spaces.

Beneficial Corporation sold its Delaware-based credit card operation to First Chicago Corp. The new owners claimed that layoffs would be minimal.

State environmental officials have given **Airco Industrial Gases** approval to build a $50 million plant next to its existing one in Claymont. The new plant is expected to create 75 jobs at its scheduled opening in early 1989 and 25 to 30 more jobs over the next five years.

ICI Americas Inc. dedicated its new $40 million expansion activities at its Wilmington headquarters. ICI now employs 3,500 in Delaware, 25 percent more than three years ago. Chairman Harry Corless said employment could reach 5,000 within three years.

KENT COUNTY

A colonial-style condominium and office complex, **Olde Dover Village**, has been approved by Dover city planners for construction on a 5.7-acre site just northeast of the Blue Coat Inn along the shores of Silver Lake at North State Street.

Aetna Life and Casualty Company of Hartford, Conn., will open an employee benefits division in Dover's Silver Lake Office Complex on July 1, initially hiring 14 employees. Aetna's job total will be close to 1,000 in Dover by 1992.

Federal highway authorities have approved the location for the **U.S. 13 relief route**. The 58-mile, limited-access highway from Tybouts Corner in New Castle County to just south of Dover in Kent County is being designed to alleviate traffic headed for the beaches in

Sussex County. Construction will begin by 1990.

ILC Dover has filed a complaint with the U.S. General Accounting Office after losing a U.S. Army contract that would have brought 75-100 new jobs to the area. ILC's $35 million losing bid to supply 300,000 gas masks was $17 million lower than that of Scott Aviation of Pennsylvania. ILC claims there is no difference in the protection characteristics of the masks offered by the two bidders.

Ground was broken on **Green Meadows**, a personal care facility on Saulsbury Road. The 52-unit building is expected to open next April.

A new shopping complex to include a supermarket, drugstore and pizzeria was approved for North State Street in Dover. According to IPM Development Partnership of Milford, there will be 204 parking spaces at the **Silver Lake Shopping Center**.

A 10-building condominium complex, **Greenway Lane Condominiums** will be built on Dover-Kenton Rd. across from Greentree Shopping Center. When completed there will be a total of 120 units consisting of two bedrooms and two baths.

Blue Hen Mall in Dover will have a multi-million dollar renovation. Outdoor renovations will cost $200,000 to $400,000 and are scheduled to begin by the end of summer.

Virginia developers Petrie Dierman & Partners Inc. plan to purchase 36 acres on U.S. 13 north of White Oak Road in Dover to build a **$17 million shopping center.** Stores will include a Hechinger's houseware store, 40,000-square-foot supermarket and 79,000-square-foot department store.

SUSSEX COUNTY

A Washington-based firm plans to employ 60 to 100 persons at the University of Delaware Research Park in Lewes to manufacture equipment for removing salt from seawater. The firm, **International Science and Technology/ Delaware** intends to export the equipment to developing countries to purify seawater for drinking and irrigation. ISTI/Delaware has received a $3.5 million loan from Continental Insurance Co. through the Delaware Insurance Commissioner's Economic Development Fund.

A grand opening was held for **Private Place II**, a residential addition to Sea Colony's $150-million resort near Bethany Beach. The duplex vacation homes are priced from $90,500.

Radio station **WSUX AM-FM** plans to erect a taller radio tower at its Seaford site. The coverage area will be increased by ten miles in all directions and reception will improve as well. Construction will begin upon approval of the $100, 000 tower by the Federal Communications Commission.

A **Cedar Neck** civic organization has filed suit in Delaware Chancery Court to block development of a 71-acre mobile home park south of Ocean View. The planning commission approved a subdivision plan for the 153-lot mobile home park, called Whites Haven, June 11. Council approved the plan on June 30.

REGIONAL

Safeway has agreed to sell the eight Delmarva Peninsula stores it closed in February to three other supermarket chains. **A&P** has bid on the stores in Milford, Seaford and Cambridge, Md.; **Fleming Foods** on the stores in Georgetown, Rehoboth Beach and Dover; and **Meatland** on the stores in Salisbury and Pocomoke City, Md.

Gov. Thomas H. Kean, of New Jersey, has ordered an immediate 18-month moratorium on development in **freshwater wetlands,** blocking 500-600 projects that are currently planned in the state.

Broiler house construction on Delmarva totaled 188 during 1986, while 122 either were under construction or had approved financing at year's end.

CSX Transportation Inc. says some of its 630 managerial posts in Baltimore will be eliminated when 480 cuts in management are made by the end of 1987. The firm runs a railroad system which includes the former Baltimore & Ohio. It plans to eliminate about 10 percent of its 4,871 non-union jobs, most of which are in Baltimore and Jacksonville.

Ocean City, Md. has begun plans to rescue its vanishing beach. State officials have set aside $15 million to pump sand from the ocean floor. A second phase, costing $27 million would involve installing a steel bulkhead in front of the 2.2 mile boardwalk and recreating a sand dune along the 9.2 mile coastline.

A New Jersey school supply company is moving its headquarters and primary manufacturing plant to Elkton, Md. **Majestic Industries,** which makes customized looseleaf binders and home and school supplies, will move into a 19.3 acre site on Bridge Street. The firm plans to open in September with 400 employees hired by January 1988, many in semi-skilled positions. The plant eventually will employ more than 700 workers.

Du Pont Co. has decided to proceed with plans to build a $40 million hazardous waste incinerator at its Chambers works plant in Deepwater, N.J. Construction could begin in 1989.

The Henderson Group of Sharon Hill, Pa., is developing 250,000 square feet of commercial space at the Village at Painters Crossing , U.S. 202 and 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. The first phase, which is a strip shopping center, is nearly complete. Work on the second phase, construction of five restaurants, has begun. The third section is scheduled to be a four-story, 150-room hotel.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

TABLE I

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		APR	MAY	JUN*	APR	MAY	JUN*	APR	MAY	JUN*	APR	MAY	JUN*
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1987	339.9	338.5	335.2	329.8	328.0	325.1	10.2	10.5	10.1	3.0	3.1	3.0
	1986	314.9	314.2	316.1	297.1	297.0	299.2	17.8	17.2	16.9	5.6	5.5	5.3
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1987	337.5	340.4	342.4	327.4	330.9	331.6	10.0	9.5	10.7	3.0	2.8	3.1
	1986	312.4	315.6	323.5	295.0	299.9	305.4	17.3	15.6	18.1	5.6	5.0	5.6
WILMINGTON PMSA, UNADJUSTED	1987	289.8	288.9	287.3	279.0	279.8	276.4	10.7	9.2	10.9	3.7	3.2	3.8
	1986	278.1	282.0	286.0	263.9	268.3	271.6	14.2	13.7	14.4	5.1	4.8	5.0
UNITED STATES, SEASON. ADJ.**	1987	119,335.0	119,993.0	119,517.0	111,835.0	112,447.0	112,257.0	7,500.0	7,546.0	7,260.0	6.3	6.3	6.1
	1986	117,292.0	117,587.0	118,005.0	108,969.0	109,165.0	109,613.0	8,323.0	8,422.0	8,392.0	7.1	7.2	7.1
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1987	3,946.0	4,003.0	3,977.0	3,791.0	3,836.0	3,809.0	155.0	167.0	168.0	3.9	4.2	4.2
	1986	3,840.0	3,918.0	3,981.0	3,660.1	3,712.0	3,780.0	180.4	206.0	201.0	4.7	5.3	5.0
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1987	8,473.0	8,491.0	8,535.0	8,062.0	8,082.0	8,145.0	411.0	409.0	390.0	4.9	4.8	4.6
	1986	8,239.4	8,259.0	8,492.0	7,685.6	7,690.0	7,984.0	553.8	568.0	508.0	6.7	6.9	6.0
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASON. ADJ.**	1987	5,545.0	5,621.0	5,630.0	5,238.0	5,319.0	5,310.0	307.0	302.0	320.0	5.5	5.4	5.7
	1986	5,607.1	5,667.0	5,707.0	5,213.8	5,231.0	5,269.0	393.8	436.0	419.0	7.0	7.7	7.3
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1987	2,416.9	2,426.0	2,437.6	2,316.3	2,331.7	2,336.1	100.6	94.3	101.5	4.2	3.9	4.2
	1986	2,333.3	2,362.0	2,392.7	2,229.6	2,260.4	2,287.9	103.7	101.9	104.8	4.4	4.3	4.4

*PRELIMINARY ** U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

DELAWARE- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	1987 APR	1987 MAY	1987 JUN	1986 APR	1986 MAY	1986 JUN
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	311.7	315.5	318.3	297.7	303.0	308.5
MANUFACTURING	68.4	69.0	69.8	66.9	67.2	68.5
DURABLE GOODS	18.3	18.5	18.5	16.4	16.7	16.9
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.7	3.7	3.7
MACHINERY	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	8.7	8.7	8.6	5.9	6.1	6.2
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	50.0	50.5	51.2	50.5	50.5	51.6
FOOD & KINDRED	9.5	9.6	10.1	9.4	9.5	10.3
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
PAPER & ALLIED PROD	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.7	2.6
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.7
CHEMICALS	30.1	30.6	30.8	30.9	30.8	31.1
RUBBER & PLASTICS	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
NONMANUFACTURING	243.4	246.5	248.6	230.8	235.8	240.1
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18.5	19.4	19.7	18.5	19.8	20.8
GENERAL BLDG CONT	4.5	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.2	5.5
HEAVY CONST CONT	2.7	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.1
SPECIAL TRADE CONT	11.2	11.6	11.7	10.7	11.6	12.4
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	12.8	12.9	13.1	12.5	12.7	13.0
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.0
COMMUNICATION	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN SERVICE	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	69.5	71.3	72.4	65.7	67.8	70.3
WHOLESALE TRADE	11.5	11.4	11.6	11.2	11.2	11.2
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.5
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.8
RETAIL TRADE	58.1	59.8	60.9	54.6	56.6	59.1
BLDG MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.3
GENERAL MERCH STORES	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.7	8.8	8.9
FOOD STORES	9.4	9.6	9.6	8.8	9.1	9.4
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.0
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.8	3.0
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.7
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	17.2	18.6	19.4	16.4	17.7	19.1
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	6.4	6.5	6.6	7.3	7.5	7.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	24.7	24.8	25.3	22.4	22.6	23.3
BANKING	13.6	13.7	14.1	11.9	12.0	12.4
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS & BROKERS	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.8
REAL ESTATE	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.6	3.7	3.9
SERVICES	70.3	71.1	72.3	65.5	66.6	68.2
PERSONAL SERVICES	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.9
BUSINESS SERVICES	19.4	19.6	19.7	16.9	17.0	17.2
AUTOMOBILE & MISC REPAIR	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.7
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	2.9	3.5	4.1	2.5	3.1	3.7
HEALTH SERVICES	18.4	18.5	18.7	17.8	17.8	17.9
LEGAL SERVICES	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.1
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8
SOCIAL SERVICES	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.1
OTHER SERVICES	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.8	12.3	12.9
GOVERNMENT	47.5	47.0	45.6	46.2	46.2	44.5
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	6.0	6.0	6.1	5.8	5.8	6.0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	41.5	41.0	39.5	40.4	40.5	38.5
STATE GOVERNMENT	22.9	22.6	20.7	22.1	22.2	20.2
STATE EDUCATION	9.6	9.4	7.1	9.0	9.0	6.8
STATE NON-EDUCATION	13.3	13.2	13.6	13.1	13.2	13.4
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.7	18.4	18.8	18.3	18.3	18.3
LOCAL EDUCATION	14.0	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.6	13.3
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	4.6	4.7	5.1	4.6	4.7	4.9
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4

WILMINGTON PMSA- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK

(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A

INDUSTRY GROUP	1987 APR	1987 MAY	1987 JUN	1986 APR	1986 MAY	1986 JUN
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	271.3	273.2	273.9	257.6	261.1	264.3
MANUFACTURING	58.6	59.0	59.2	57.4	57.4	58.1
DURABLE GOODS	17.4	17.5	17.5	15.6	15.6	16.0
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.2	3.2	3.2
MACHINERY	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.8	4.0
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	8.8	8.8	8.7	6.0	6.1	6.3
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	41.2	41.5	41.7	41.8	41.8	42.2
FOOD & KINDRED	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.2
CHEMICALS	31.9	32.2	32.4	32.8	32.8	33.0
RUBBER & PLASTICS	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.3
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7
NONMANUFACTURING	212.8	214.2	214.7	200.2	203.7	206.2
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	17.2	17.9	18.2	16.8	18.3	19.7
GENERAL BLDG CONT	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.8
HEAVY CONST CONT.	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.9	5.5
SPECIAL TRADE CONT	9.9	10.3	10.2	8.9	9.7	10.5
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	13.9	14.1	14.2	13.4	13.7	14.1
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.2	4.2	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.9
COMMUNICATION	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN SERVICE	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.6
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	57.5	57.8	58.4	54.3	55.0	55.6
WHOLESALE TRADE	9.8	9.8	10.0	9.5	9.5	9.5
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.5
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0
RETAIL TRADE	47.7	48.0	48.5	44.8	45.5	46.1
BLDG MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
GENERAL MERCH STORES	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.0	7.1	7.2
FOOD STORES	8.3	8.3	8.4	7.5	7.5	7.6
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.4
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	13.8	14.0	14.3	13.5	13.9	14.2
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.0	6.0	6.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	22.7	22.8	23.2	20.2	20.5	21.0
BANKING	12.4	12.6	12.8	10.6	10.8	11.1
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS & BROKERS	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.5
REAL ESTATE	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.4
SERVICES	63.0	63.5	64.3	58.6	59.2	60.3
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.2
BUSINESS SERVICES	18.3	18.5	18.4	15.8	15.8	15.9
AUTOMOBILE & MISC REPAIR	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	2.5	3.0	3.4	2.1	2.6	3.1
HEALTH SERVICES	16.8	16.7	16.9	16.4	16.3	16.4
LEGAL SERVICES	2.1	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.9
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7
SOCIAL SERVICES	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0
OTHER SERVICES	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.2	10.4	10.7
GOVERNMENT	38.3	37.9	36.1	36.7	36.8	35.4
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.8
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	33.5	33.0	31.3	32.0	32.1	30.5
STATE GOVERNMENT	14.8	14.6	12.5	14.4	14.4	12.8
STATE EDUCATION	8.3	8.0	5.9	7.7	7.7	6.0
STATE NON-EDUCATION	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.8
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.7	18.5	18.7	17.6	17.7	17.7
LOCAL EDUCATION	12.9	12.6	12.7	12.4	12.5	12.4
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.2	5.2	5.3
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

TABLE-3

DELAWARE *

1987

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
MANUFACTURING	$ 418 48	$ 434 72	$ 427 52	40 2	41 6	40 6	$ 10 41	$ 10 45	$ 10 53
DURABLE GOODS	479 12	496 23	483 85	40 5	41 7	40 9	11 83	11 90	11 83
PRIMARY & FAB METALS	358 45	374 79	359 83	37 3	39 0	37 6	9 61	9 61	9 57
MACHINERY	443 56	486 74	467 90	44 4	46 4	44 1	9 99	10 49	10 61
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	576 40	595 89	583 21	40 0	41 7	41 1	14 41	14 29	14 19
NONDURABLE GOODS	374 26	391 04	387 84	39 9	41 6	40 4	9 38	9 40	9 60
FOOD & KINDRED	278 36	299 01	300 53	38 5	41 3	39 7	7 23	7 24	7 57
TEXTILE & APPAREL	272 12	296 84	290 79	37 9	41 4	41 9	7 18	7 17	6 94
PAPER & ALLIED PRED	358 02	415 67	360 88	36 2	42 2	34 6	9 89	9 85	10 43
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	321 38	327 97	326 45	35 2	36 2	35 6	9 13	9 06	9 17
CHEMICALS	579 90	574 43	587 52	43 7	42 9	43 2	13 27	13 39	13 60
RUBBER & PLASTICS	467 86	456 49	462 05	44 9	43 6	44 3	10 42	10 47	10 43
				1986					
MANUFACTURING	$ 403 00	$ 412 41	$ 415 33	40 3	41 2	41 7	$ 10 00	$ 10 01	$ 9 96
DURABLE GOODS	442 66	457 06	477 73	39 7	40 7	43 0	11 15	11 23	11 11
PRIMARY & FAB METALS	405 31	395 20	385 04	41 4	40 0	39 9	9 79	9 88	9 65
MACHINERY	441 13	423 98	424 75	38 9	38 3	38 3	11 34	11 07	11 09
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	544 66	592 75	637 73	39 1	42 4	47 1	13 93	13 98	13 54
NONDURABLE GOODS	379 20	385 54	378 02	40 6	41 5	41 0	9 34	9 29	9 22
FOOD & KINDRED	271 60	279 64	286 27	40 0	41 8	42 6	6 79	6 69	6 72
TEXTILE & APPAREL	249 21	246 27	246 53	39 0	38 6	38 4	6 39	6 38	6 42
PAPER & ALLIED PRED	365 17	411 01	379 85	37 3	41 6	36 7	9 79	9 88	10 35
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	322 64	324 67	307 68	35 3	35 6	33 7	9 14	9 12	9 13
CHEMICALS	546 98	559 34	557 96	42 5	42 6	41 3	12 87	13 13	13 51
RUBBER & PLASTICS	482 74	428 06	431 60	45 2	41 6	41 7	10 68	10 29	10 35

* COVERS AN ESTIMATED 34,200 PRODUCTION WORKERS

WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA) **

1987

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
MANUFACTURING	$ 500 61	$ 517 08	$ 517 88	41 0	41 7	41 9	$ 12 21	$ 12 40	$ 12 36
DURABLE GOODS	509 84	530 33	526 61	39 8	41 4	41 4	12 81	12 81	12 72
PRIMARY & FAB METALS	337 46	346 09	337 88	36 8	37 7	37 5	9 17	9 18	9 01
MACHINERY	440 75	488 42	501 23	41 0	43 3	44 2	10 75	11 28	11 34
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	568 80	589 76	578 95	39 5	41 3	40 8	14 40	14 28	14 19
NONDURABLE GOODS	489 05	496 86	507 70	42 6	42 0	42 7	11 48	11 83	11 89
FOOD & KINDRED	294 60	282 71	298 30	49 1	42 9	47 2	6 00	6 59	6 32
TEXTILE & APPAREL	297 96	324 31	324 86	38 2	41 9	42 3	7 80	7 74	7 68
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	358 20	368 00	360 86	35 5	36 8	35 8	10 09	10 00	10 08
CHEMICALS	663 26	653 40	692 87	44 1	43 3	44 5	15 04	15 09	15 57
RUBBER & PLASTICS	461 21	458 17	459 24	43 8	42 9	43 0	10 53	10 68	10 68
				1986					
MANUFACTURING	$ 463 67	$ 471 06	$ 498 38	39 8	40 4	42 2	$ 11 65	$ 11 66	$ 11 81
DURABLE GOODS	459 78	478 80	502 52	38 8	39 9	42 3	11 85	12 00	11 88
PRIMARY & FAB METALS	390 19	386 00	379 76	40 9	40 0	40 4	9 54	9 65	9 40
MACHINERY	422 65	404 25	401 66	39 5	38 5	38 0	10 70	10 50	10 57
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	540 48	588 56	635 03	38 8	42 1	46 9	13 93	13 98	13 54
NONDURABLE GOODS	468 71	462 58	492 66	40 9	40 9	42 0	11 46	11 31	11 73
FOOD & KINDRED	239 39	215 27	245 72	39 7	38 1	43 8	6 03	5 65	5 61
TEXTILE & APPAREL	265 47	285 61	282 90	39 8	38 7	38 7	6 67	7 38	7 31
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	384 12	376 50	353 91	36 0	34 7	33 2	10 67	10 85	10 66
CHEMICALS	607 75	614 42	693 41	41 4	43 7	45 8	14 68	14 06	15 14
RUBBER & PLASTICS	444 87	397 79	406 22	42 9	39 7	40 3	10 37	10 02	10 08

** COVERS AN ESTIMATED 23,100 PRODUCTION WORKERS

NOTE MOST RECENT MONTH IS PRELIMINARY DATA

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR REGULAR U.I. PROGRAM BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMT. OF PAYMENT (000')		
STATE TOTALS *	18,334	13,580	14,105	2,458,737	1,825,861	1,909,677
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	9,203	7,005	7,514	1,305,199	989,158	1,028,441
WILMINGTON L.O.	6,264	4,718	5,136	885,864	661,419	690,712
NEWARK L.O.	2,939	2,287	2,378	419,335	327,739	337,729
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	3,366	2,530	2,527	366,714	265,858	274,960
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	2,183	1,391	1,244	241,651	162,318	166,963
	AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT			NUMBER OF U.I. FIRST PAYMENTS		
STATE TOTALS *	140	142	144	812	631	687
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	149	149	147	456	352	389
WILMINGTON L.O.	147	147	143	281	219	251
NEWARK L.O.	153	154	156	175	133	138
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	115	112	117	165	123	149
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	118	125	140	79	76	67

* INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS

SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE U.I. REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS

TABLE-5

	1987			1986		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
TOTAL COUNT	4,100	3,500	3,100	8,100	7,400	7,100
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	0	0	0	3,800	3,900	3,600
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	4,100	3,500	3,100	4,300	3,500	3,500
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
TOTAL COUNT	19,000	14,300	14,800	37,300	30,600	29,100
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	0	0	0	19,400	15,200	14,800
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	19,000	14,300	14,800	17,900	15,400	14,300

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING

SOURCE: DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1987 APR	1987 MAY	1987 JUN	1986 APR	1986 MAY	1986 JUN
ALL ITEMS	333.8	336.2	339.0	317.8	318.9	321.7
FOOD & BEVERAGES	324.6	325.9	326.3	311.5	312.1	312.0
HOUSING	347.6	354.2	360.8	333.6	334.1	340.5
APPAREL & UPKEEP	199.9	192.7	187.4	180.3	180.7	175.6
TRANSPORTATION	338.3	339.3	341.6	320.8	324.2	328.1
MEDICAL	488.6	492.7	497.1	469.5	467.5	469.4
ENTERTAINMENT	260.0	260.8	261.4	253.2	252.7	254.3
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES	393.4	393.8	394.7	365.2	368.8	369.7
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
ALL ITEMS						
MONTHLY	1.3	0.7	0.8	-0.4	0.3	0.9
YEARLY	5.0	5.4	5.4	1.7	1.5	2.4
	UNITED STATES					
ALL ITEMS						
INDEX	337.7	338.7	340.1	325.3	326.3	327.9
MO. CHANGE (%)	0.5	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.3	0.5
YR. CHANGE (%)	3.8	3.8	3.7	1.6	1.6	1.7

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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